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H. R. 2504

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DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 615

DISCONTINUANCE OF REPORTS. Provides for discontinuance of certain reports, including those on forest roads and trails, large AAA payments, and condition of work in the departments.

INDEX AND SUMMARY OF HISTORY ON H. R. 2504

January 3, 1945	H. R. 380 introduced by Rep. Cochran and was referred to the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. Print of the bill as introduced. (Similar bill).
January 29, 1945	H. R. 1817 introduced by Rep. Cochran and was referred to the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. Print of the bill as introduced. (Similar bill).
March 6, 1945	H. R. 2504 introduced by Rep. Cochran and was referred to the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. Print of the bill as introduced.
March 13, 1945	House Committee reported H. R. 2504 without amendment. House Report 311. Print of the bill as reported.
June 19, 1945	H. R. 2504 debated in the House and passed with amendments.
June 20, 1945	H. R. 2504 was referred to the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. Print of the bill as referred to the Committee.
July 25, 1945	Senate Committee reported H. R. 2504 without amendment. Senate Report 519. Print of the bill as reported.
July 29, 1945	H. R. 2504 discussed and passed Senate without amendment.
August 7, 1945	Approved. Public Law 615.

79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 380

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1945

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A BILL

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following reports or statements now required by
4 law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts
5 herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or
6 statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such
7 requirement:

8 THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECU-
9 TIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

10 1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive
11 department or other Government establishment at the seat

1 of government not under an executive department as to the
2 condition of the public business in said department or estab-
3 lishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears, Act
4 of March 15, 1898 (30 Stat. 316).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6 2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails
7 required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the
8 first Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed
9 statement of the work done, the status of each project under-
10 taken, the allocation of appropriations, an itemized state-
11 ment of the expenditures and receipts during the preceding
12 fiscal year, an itemized statement of the travel and other
13 expenses, including a list of employees, their duties, salaries
14 and travel expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for
15 new legislation amending or supplementing existing law (42
16 Stat. 216; 48 Stat. 995).

17 3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Secre-
18 tary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Administra-
19 tion payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the names of
20 persons to whom payments were made during the preceding
21 year (52 Stat. 68).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

23 4. Report showing the names for whom work has been
24 performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price

1 charged for services, and the manner in which the money
2 received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

3 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

4 5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing as
5 nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and showing
6 in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and so forth,
7 accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast of the
8 United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

9 6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water-
10 works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake
11 watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water
12 rights of the United States in California, and to render a
13 report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

14 7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and con-
15 struct irrigation works for storage, diversion, and develop-
16 ment of waters, including artesian wells, and to report the
17 results of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates
18 of cost of all contemplated works, the quantity and location
19 of the lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts
20 relative to the practicability of each irrigation project; also,
21 the cost of works in process of construction, as well as those
22 which have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

23 8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irriga-
24 tion project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

1 9. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
2 sentatives of the fiscal affairs of all Indian tribes for whose
3 benefit expenditures from either public or tribal funds were
4 made (36 Stat. 1077).

5 10. Report of transactions under the revolving fund for
6 loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations (48 Stat.
7 986).

8 11. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year
9 for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

10 12. Annual report of the operations of the Geological
11 Survey (20 Stat. 395).

12 13. Statement showing amount expended from the ap-
13 propriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey",
14 for the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44
15 Stat. 487).

16 14. Report all temporary details to the District of Co-
17 lumbia of field employees of the Bureau made during each
18 fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

19 15. Report of all operations under section 5 of the
20 Act of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements
21 (40 Stat. 1272).

22 16. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures
23 under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50
24 Stat. 919).

1 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2 17. Report giving data relating to special statistical stud-
3 ies made by the Department of Labor for others upon
4 payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

5 18. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to Con-
6 gress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a
7 detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person
8 for whom work has been performed under authority of this
9 statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him, (3)
10 the price charged for these services by the Department of
11 Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received
12 were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

13 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND WAR

14 19. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments'
15 operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to
16 provide more effectively for the national defense by increasing
17 the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other
18 purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

19 20. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or
20 the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions on
21 account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment
22 used for communication, target detection, navigation, and
23 fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended,
24 relating to excess profits in connection with the construction

1 of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat.
2 505; 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

3 21. That part of the report required of the Secretary
4 of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to con-
5 tracts in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal
6 year for the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth
7 Supplemental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other
8 Act requiring the names of the persons who approved the
9 specifications, consummated the making, or concluded the
10 negotiations of any such contract on behalf of the Govern-
11 ment, and of all persons who participated in the negotiations
12 on behalf of the contractor, and information in cases where
13 such contract was awarded without competitive bidding as
14 to the principal or controlling reason for the selection of
15 the contractor (55 Stat. 686; 56 Stat. 244).

16 22. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or
17 the Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian
18 life (56 Stat. 369).

19 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

20 23. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility
21 on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouch-
22 ers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

23 24. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for
24 repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive
25 months (49 Stat. 482).

1 25. Report of all agreements entered into under author-
2 ity of the Act of June 30, 1938, relating to the conservation,
3 care, custody, protection, and operation of the naval petro-
4 leum and oil-shale reserves (52 Stat. 1253).

5 26. Report of all contracts entered into under authority
6 of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing
7 the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of
8 certain public works (Public, Numbered 43, Seventy-sixth
9 Congress).

10 27. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken
11 from the Navy register (22 Stat. 296).

12 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

13 28. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
14 Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such
15 changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other
16 nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports,
17 or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to
18 the Department, including all commercial information con-
19 tained in the official publications of other governments which
20 he shall deem sufficiently important (sec. 208 of the Revised
21 Statutes).

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23 Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which
24 may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and
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2 consuls or commercial agents who may have been remiss
3 in transmitting commercial information (sec. 208 of the
4 Revised Statutes).

5 30. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
6 Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in the
7 United States from foreign places, returned to him quarter-
8 yearly by the collectors of customs (sec. 208 of the Revised
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10 31. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress,
11 within ten days after the commencement of each regular
12 session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns
13 made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the differ-
14 ent ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with
15 an account of such impressments and detentions as shall
16 appear by the protests of the masters to have taken place
17 (sec. 207 of the Revised Statutes).

18 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR

19 32. Report of all inspections made by the inspection
20 department of the Army as to the necessity, economy, and
21 propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers of
22 the Army; also whether the disbursing officers of the Army
23 comply with the law in keeping their accounts and making
24 their deposits (18 Stat. 33).

25 33. Statement of the cost of all types and experimental

1 manufacture of guns and other articles and the average cost
2 of the several classes of guns and the other articles manu-
3 factured by the Government (26 Stat. 320).

4 34. Report of the activities and expenditures of the
5 Council of National Defense (39 Stat. 650).

6 35. Statement of expenditures at the Springfield
7 Armory, Massachusetts, and the Rock Island Arsenal, Illi-
8 nois, and of arms, components of arms, and appendages
9 fabricated, altered, and repaired, during the fiscal year ended
10 June 30 (26 Stat. 320).

11 36. A detailed report of sales of any war supplies, mate-
12 rial, lands, factories, or buildings, showing character of
13 articles sold, price received, and purpose for which sold
14 (40 Stat. 850).

15 37. Hereafter the Secretary of War shall, within the
16 limits of appropriations made from time to time by Congress,
17 and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations ap-
18 proved by him upon the recommendation of the National
19 Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, in connection
20 with the promotion and encouragement of rifle practice,
21 authorize and provide for: Construction work, equipment,
22 maintenance and operation of rifle ranges; issues of ord-
23 nance; sales of arms; procurement of supplies; expenses of
24 the National Board; transportation of certain officials; pro-
25 curement of badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation

1 of supplies, and so forth. Full report of all things done
2 hereunder to be made annually to Congress (43 Stat. 510).

3 38. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
4 mittees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of
5 Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agree-
6 ment (not later than twenty-four hours after made), cover-
7 ing the exchange or other disposition of military equipment,
8 munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

9 39. Report to the Congress each month of the number
10 of men in active training and service in the land forces under
11 section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of
12 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

13 REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

14 40. Annual report at the beginning of each regular
15 session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of
16 Saint Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts
17 and expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospi-
18 tal for the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156;
19 39 Stat. 309).

20 41. Report of the administration of title VI of the Act
21 of August 14, 1935 (49 Stat. 635).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

23 42. Federal Highway Act of November 9, 1921:

24 "SEC. 15. That within two years after this Act takes
25 effect the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare, publish,

1 and distribute a map showing the highways and forest roads
2 that have been selected and approved as a part of the
3 primary or interstate, and the secondary or intercounty sys-
4 tems, and at least annually thereafter shall publish supple-
5 mentary maps showing his program and the progress made
6 in selection, construction, and reconstruction (42 Stat.
7 212)."

8 43. Amendment relative to construction of roads through
9 public lands and Federal reservations, June 24, 1930: "The
10 Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare, publish, and distribute
11 a map and other information, at least annually, showing the
12 progress made in the expenditures of the funds authorized
13 under this section (46 Stat. 805)."

14 44. The Hayden-Cartwright Act of June 18, 1934:

15 SEC. 10. Section 19 of the Federal Highway Act, ap-
16 proved November 9, 1921, is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "SEC. 19. That on or before the first Monday in Janu-
19 ary of each year the Secretary of Agriculture shall make a
20 report to Congress, which shall include a detailed statement
21 of the work done, the status of each project undertaken, the
22 allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the
23 expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year
24 under this Act, an itemized statement of the traveling and
25 other expenses, including a list of employees, their duties,

1 salaries, and traveling expenses, if any, and his recommenda-
2 tions, if any, for new legislation amending or supplementing
3 this Act. The Secretary of Agriculture shall also make such
4 special reports as Congress may request.” (40 Stat. 993.)

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11 under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54
12 Stat. 676).

13 28. Report of contracts entered into without competition
14 under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940
15 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

16 29. Report of the cost of special additional equipment
17 and facilities to be borne by the Government under each
18 contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act
19 of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

20 30. Report of the contracts entered into under authority
21 of section 6 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended
22 (54 Stat. 680).

23 31. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
24 mittees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Repre-
25 sentatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement

1 covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval
2 equipment, as required by section 14 (b) of the Act of
3 June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 681).

4 32. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value,
5 including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a
6 summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names
7 of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any
8 such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the
9 contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without
10 competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selec-
11 tion of the contractor, as required by section 2 of the Act
12 of August 25, 1941 (55 Stat. 686).

13 33. Report every three months of the contracts entered
14 into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of
15 the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

16 34. Report every three months of the contracts entered
17 into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December
18 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

19 35. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aero-
20 nautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department as
21 required under section 10 of the Act of July 2, 1926 (44
22 Stat. 787).

23 REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

24 36. The report covering data setting forth special con-
25 tracts with railroad companies (39 Stat. L. 427).

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5 account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear
6 by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section
7 207 of the Revised Statutes).

8 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

9 41. That part of the annual report to the Congress re-
10 quired of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a
11 summary of the state and condition of every national bank
12 from which reports have been received the preceding year,
13 at the several dates to which such reports refer, together
14 with detailed information concerning its resources and liabili-
15 ties; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business
16 has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments
17 to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the
18 resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized
19 under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5)
20 the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the
21 Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the
22 Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report
23 to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its
24 session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended,
25 18 Stat. 317).

1 42. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
2 sentatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the
3 Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each
4 year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately
5 (section 1 of the Act of April 28, 1902, 32 Stat. 138).

6 43. Report of officers and administrative departments
7 and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or
8 transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington,
9 and such officers as were found upon final settlements of
10 their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and
11 who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into
12 the Treasury of the United States (section 12 of the Act of
13 July 31, 1894, 28 Stat. 209, as amended by section 4 of
14 the Act of May 28, 1896, 29 Stat. 179).

15 44. Submission of reports which may be made to the
16 Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the
17 examination of the accounts of the Department of War and
18 the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the
19 application of the money appropriated for those departments
20 for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

21 45. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the
22 Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures
23 in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up
24 and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the

1 accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (sec-
2 tion 1 of the Act of June 19, 1878, 20 Stat. 167).

3 46. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
4 to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above
5 of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents
6 at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts
7 lost or unaccounted for by voucher (section 2 of the Act
8 of June 19, 1878, 20 Stat. 167).

9 47. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of
10 the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the
11 head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the
12 Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and
13 repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec-
14 tion 262 of the Revised Statutes).

15 48. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury
16 of administration of the functions with which he is charged
17 under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which
18 report shall include the names and compensation of all per-
19 sons employed under the provisions of that Act (section 2
20 (e) - (i) of the Act of August 29, 1935, 49 Stat. 977).

21 49. Report of the number of persons employed, other
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4 and collection districts, and of the amount of each species of
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7 18, 1875, 18 Stat. 317).

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61. Annual report at the beginning of each regular session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts and expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospital for the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156; 39 Stat. 309).

62. Report of the administration of title VI of the Act of August 14, 1935 (49 Stat. 635).

63. Annual report of receipts and expenditures made from the working capital fund of the United States Public Health Service hospitals at Lexington, Kentucky, and Fort Worth, Texas (45 Stat. 1087).

64. Annual report of the affairs of Howard University (45 Stat. 1021).

65. Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any

1 appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for
 2 the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the super-
 3 intendent and for teachers (R. S. 4867).

4 REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

5 66. Federal Highway Act of November 9, 1921:

6 “SEC. 15. That within two years after this Act takes
 7 effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare, publish, and
 8 distribute a map showing the highways and forest roads
 9 that have been selected and approved as a part of the
 10 primary or interstate, and the secondary or intercounty
 11 systems, and at least annually thereafter shall publish sup-
 12 plementary maps showing his program and the progress
 13 made in selection, construction, and reconstruction (42
 14 Stat. 212).”

15 67. Amendment relative to construction of roads through
 16 public lands and Federal reservations, June 24, 1930: “The
 17 Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare, publish, and dis-
 18 tribute a map and other information, at least annually,
 19 showing the progress made in the expenditures of the funds
 20 authorized under this section (46 Stat. 805).”

21 68. The Hayden-Cartwright Act of June 18, 1934:

22 “SEC. 10. Section 19 of the Federal Highway Act,
 23 approved November 9, 1921, is hereby amended to read
 24 as follows:

25 “SEC. 19. That on or before the first Monday in

1 January of each year the Secretary of Agriculture shall make
2 a report to Congress, which shall include a detailed state-
3 ment of the work done, the status of each project undertaken,
4 the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of
5 the expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal
6 year under this Act, an itemized statement of the traveling
7 and other expenses, including a list of employees, their
8 duties, salaries, and traveling expenses, if any, and his
9 recommendations, if any, for new legislation amending or
10 supplementing this Act. The Secretary of Agriculture shall
11 also make such special reports as Congress may request.’
12 (40 Stat. 993).”

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14 69. Annual report to the Public Printer by the Super-
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16 610).

79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2504

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1945

Mr. COCHRAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments

A BILL

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following reports or statements now required by
4 law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts
5 herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or
6 statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such re-
7 quirement:

8 THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECU-
9 TIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

10 1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive
11 department or other Government establishment at the seat of

1 government not under an executive department as to the
2 condition of the public business in said department or
3 establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears
4 (30 Stat. 316).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6 2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails
7 required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first
8 Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement
9 of the work done, the status of each project undertaken,
10 the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the
11 expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year,
12 an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, in-
13 cluding a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel
14 expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for new legisla-
15 tion amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216;
16 48 Stat. 995).

17 3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Admin-
19 istration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the
20 names of persons to whom payments were made during the
21 preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

23 4. Report showing the names for whom work has been
24 performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price

1 charged for services, and the manner in which the money
2 received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

3 5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing
4 as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and
5 showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and
6 so forth, accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast
7 of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

8 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

9 6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water
10 works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake
11 watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water
12 rights of the United States in California, and to render a
13 report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

14 7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct
15 irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of
16 waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results
17 of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of
18 all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the
19 lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative
20 to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost
21 of works in process of construction, as well as those which
22 have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

23 8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irriga-
24 tion project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

1 9. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives of the fiscal affairs of all Indian tribes for whose benefit
3 expenditures from either public or tribal funds were made
4 (36 Stat. 1077) .

5 10. Report of transactions under the revolving fund for
6 loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations (48
7 Stat. 986) .

8 11. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year
9 for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584) .

10 12. Annual report of the operations of the Geological
11 Survey (20 Stat. 395) .

12 13. Statement showing amount expended from the ap-
13 propriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey", for
14 the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat.
15 487) .

16 14. Report all temporary details to the District of
17 Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during
18 each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603) .

19 -15. Report of all operations under section 5 of the Act
20 of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements
21 (40 Stat. 1272) .

22 16. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures
23 under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50
24 Stat. 919) .

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

17. Report giving data relating to special statistical studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

18. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person for whom work has been performed under authority of this statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him, (3) the price charged for these services by the Department of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND
WAR

19. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments' operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide more effectively for the national defense by increasing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

20. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended,

1 relating to excess profits in connection with the construction
2 of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505;
3 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

4 21. That part of the report required of the Secretary
5 of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts
6 in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for
7 the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supple-
8 mental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other Act requir-
9 ing the names of the persons who approved the specifications,
10 consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of
11 any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all
12 persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the
13 contractor, and information in cases where such contract was
14 awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or
15 controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat.
16 686; 56 Stat. 244).

17 22. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the
18 Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian
19 life (56 Stat. 369).

20 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

21 23. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility
22 on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouch-
23 ers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

24 24. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for

1 repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive
2 months (49 Stat. 482).

3 25. Report of all contracts entered into under authority
4 of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing
5 the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction
6 of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

7 26. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken
8 from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 296).

9 27. Report of the advance payments made to contractors
10 under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54
11 Stat. 676).

12 28. Report of contracts entered into without competition
13 under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940
14 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

15 29. Report of the cost of special additional equipment
16 and facilities to be borne by the Government under each
17 contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act
18 of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

19 30. Report of the contracts entered into under authority
20 of section 8 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended
21 (54 Stat. 680).

22 31. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
23 mittees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Repre-
24 sentatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement

1 covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval
2 equipment (54 Stat. 681).

3 32. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value,
4 including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a
5 summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names
6 of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any
7 such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the
8 contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without
9 competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selec-
10 tion of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

11 33. Report every three months of the contracts entered
12 into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of
13 the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

14 34. Report every three months of the contracts entered
15 into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December
16 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

17 35. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aero-
18 nautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44
19 Stat. 787).

20 REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

21 36. The report covering data setting forth special con-
22 tracts with railroad companies (39 Stat 427).

23 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

24 37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
25 Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such

1 changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other
2 nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports,
3 or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the
4 Department, including all commercial information contained
5 in the official publications of other governments which he
6 shall deem sufficiently important (section 208 of the Revised
7 Statutes).

8 38. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
9 Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which
10 may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and
11 consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem
12 valuable for public information, specifying the names of
13 any consuls or commercial agents who may have been
14 remiss in transmitting commercial information (section 208
15 of the Revised Statutes).

16 39. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
17 Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in
18 the United States from foreign places, returned to him quar-
19 ter yearly by the collectors of customs (section 208 of the
20 Revised Statutes).

21 40. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress,
22 within ten days after the commencement of each regular
23 session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns
24 made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different

1 ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an
2 account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear
3 by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section
4 207 of the Revised Statutes).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

6 41. That part of the annual report to the Congress re-
7 quired of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a
8 summary of the state and condition of every national bank
9 from which reports have been received the preceding year,
10 at the several dates to which such reports refer, together
11 with detailed information concerning its resources and liabili-
12 ties; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business
13 has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments
14 to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the
15 resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized
16 under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5)
17 the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the
18 Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the
19 Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report
20 to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its
21 session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

22 42. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
23 sentatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the
24 Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each

1 year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately
2 (32 Stat. 138).

3 43. Report of officers and administrative departments
4 and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or
5 transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington,
6 and such officers as were found upon final settlements of
7 their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and
8 who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into
9 the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as
10 amended).

11 44. Submission of reports which may be made to the
12 Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the
13 examination of the accounts of the Department of War and
14 the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the
15 application of the money appropriated for those departments
16 for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

17 45. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the
18 Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures
19 in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up
20 and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the
21 accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20
22 Stat. 167).

23 46. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
24 to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above

1 of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents
2 at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts
3 lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

4 47. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of
5 the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the
6 head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the
7 Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and
8 repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec-
9 tion 262 of the Revised Statutes).

10 48. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury
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Sale of statistical information. "There was also brought to the attention of the committee during the hearings on the accompanying bill the tendency to supply statistical information to all requesting it, regardless of the existence of opportunity to sell such information. Interrogation of witnesses from Bureaus whose functions include the compilation and dissemination of statistical information suggested that only information specifically requested is being sold in accordance with statute. Reference to title 15, United States Code, 189 (a), however, also includes the following provision, relating to the Department of Commerce: 'To prepare from its records such statistical compilations; and to furnish transcripts of its studies, tables, and other records, upon the payment of the actual cost of such work by the person, firm, or corporation requesting it.' Accordingly, the committee recommends that the statistical gathering agencies in this bill re-evaluate the type of information that has been disseminated free of charge with the view of charging the cost incidental thereto to the parties receiving the benefit, rather than allocating it to the general cost of operating that agency."

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10. **MANPOWER.** Rep. Hook, Mich., objected to sending the manpower bill, H.R. 1752, to conference (pp. 2155-6). The Rules Committee reported a resolution to provide for consideration of the question as to whether the bill will be sent to conference or whether the Senate version will be voted on (p. 2201).
11. **PRICE CONTROL; MEAT INDUSTRY.** Rep. Morrison, La., criticized OPA's "chaotic regulations" for the "critical" meat situation in La. (p. 2190).

12. **REPORTS.** Expenditures in the Executive Departments Committee reported without amendment H.R. 2504; to discontinue certain reports (includes AAA, F.S., and condition-of-work reports) now required by law (H.Rept. 311) (p.2200).
13. **LEND-LEASE.** Passed, 354-28, with amendment H.R. 2103, to extend the Lend-Lease Act until June 30, 1946 (pp. 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156-88, 2190). Agreed to a Committee-approved amendment to limit the President's authority to enter into post-war lend-lease agreements (pp. 2182-6). Rejected Rep. Rich's, Pa., amendment to provide for congressional approval relating to the termination of lend-lease contracts with foreign governments (pp. 2186-7). During the debate on this bill Rep. O'Hara, Minn., criticized lend-lease shipments of farm machinery (pp. 2163-4). Rep. Flood, Pa., inserted an FEA letter and statement on the use of farm machinery in lend-lease (pp. 2170-1). Rep. White, Idaho, criticized the "give-away principle" involved in lend-lease (p. 2190).
14. **LATIN AMERICA.** Rep. McCormack, Mass., commended the Chapultepec Inter-American Pact (pp. 2154-5).
15. **PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.** Rules Committee reported without amendment H. Res. 95, providing for a Labor Committee investigation of Federal aid for the physically handicapped (H. Rept. 327) (pp. 2188, 2201).
16. **PUBLIC LANDS.** Rules Committee reported without amendment H. Res. 96, providing for a Public Lands Committee study of public-lands administration (H. Rept. 329) (pp. 2189, 2201).
17. **DAIRY INDUSTRY.** Received a Mass. Legislature resolution urging relief for Mass. dairy-products producers (p. 2202).
18. **TAXATION.** Rep. Anderson, N. Mex., criticized the proposed constitutional amendment that would limit Federal taxing power to a maximum rate of 25% (pp. 2193-6).
19. **PETROLEUM.** Rules Committee reported without amendment H. Res. 155, continuing the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee investigation of the petroleum situation (H. Rept. 331) (pp. 2188, 2201).
20. **APPROPRIATIONS.** Received (Mar. 12) from the President supplemental appropriation estimates for Office of Education, for education and training of defense workers, \$44,460,400 and for Latin-American cultural and educational activities \$163,000; and for Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, \$8,757,400 (H.Doc.111) To Appropriations Committee.
21. **RECLAMATION.** Received a Wyo. Legislature memorial favoring removal of excess-land provisions from the Reclamation Act (p. 2202).
22. **IRRIGATION.** Received a Wyo. Legislature memorial urging continuation of all Federal irrigation projects (p. 2202).
23. **FORESTRY; RESEARCH.** Received a S. C. Legislature memorial urging the provision of funds for forest research in S.C. (p. 2202).

itation on Federal taxation would bring about inflation.

"I can't imagine any action that would be more inflationary," he told the House Banking Committee.

Mr. Eccles' statement was in reply to a question by Representative PATMAN, Democrat, of Texas, who said 17 State legislatures have called for a constitutional amendment putting a ceiling of 25 percent on all Federal income, estate, and inheritance levies.

"If 32 States so act," Mr. PATMAN said, "then Congress will be required to act. The proposition is being pressed by a very powerful lobby and is being done quietly. The States are being told that if Federal taxes are limited then the States can impose higher taxes."

Mr. Eccles replied: "I can't imagine the American people supporting any such proposal. It would mean we would have to impose very high excise and sales taxes."

Mr. PATMAN commented that such a limitation would mean the Government "would have a hard time collecting money to service the national debt, and there would be no money for veterans and dependents."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR DENOUNCES FASCIST PROPOSAL OF GANNETT-PETTINGILL RUMELY-M'CLURE GROUP

The following article appeared in the Boston (Mass.) Christian Science Monitor, March 6, 1945:

TWENTY-SECOND AMENDMENT ON THE WAY?

AN INTIMATE MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON

(By Richard L. Strout)

Congressmen are just discovering with surprise that a movement to amend the Constitution is already almost half way to completion. Their surprise turns to amazement when they learn that the proposed method of securing the amendment is one that has never been used before since the founding fathers drew up the document. And their amazement turns to downright incredulity when they study the terms of the proposed amendment—the so-called twenty-second amendment—for which 14 State legislatures have so far gone on record, in both houses, as favoring the summoning of the first constitutional convention in 165 years.

The proposed amendment would limit the right of Congress, now and for all time (save in war) to impose higher than 25-percent Federal taxes on incomes, inheritances, and gifts. It's as simple as that. Since taxation is the basis for most congressional power, this would go a long way to impose or restore States' rights—a reason, perhaps, for the progress the proposed amendment has made.

In testimony on another matter yesterday before the House Banking Committee, Marriner Eccles, head of the Federal Reserve System, was asked his opinion of the proposal.

"I can't imagine any piece of legislation that would be more inflationary than to adopt such a restriction on taxes," he declared. "If adopted, it should carry the corollary that appropriations be similarly restricted." It is as thoroughly unsound as any proposal I can imagine being passed."

These are strong words, but if anybody in the committee objected to them—Republican or Democrat—they did not say so at the hearing. When told that 14 State legislatures have already passed a constitutional petition for this proposal they—like most other readers—reacted in a mood of astonishment.

There have been 21 amendments added to the Constitution in a century and a half. The customary method is for Congress to pass the proposals by the required two-thirds vote and submit it to the States—which, in turn, make it a law when three-fourths of the State legislatures approve it.

But there is another way of amending the Constitution. On "the application of legislatures of two-thirds of the several States"

the same machinery may be set in motion, irrespective of Congress.

The effect of this is to summon what the Constitution calls "a convention for proposing amendments." And it is this which individual action of 14 State legislatures, quietly accumulating since 1939, has so far done. When (and if) 18 more States, being the total to the required number of 32, the convention will be called. The Constitution sets no time limit. So far as anybody can legally see, year by year, decade by decade, generation by generation, the new State legislatures might add their petition and the proposal would be valid when the total is achieved. When (and if) the convention completes the formulation of its amendment (or amendments) the latter will be submitted back to the State legislatures, and become part of the Constitution if approved by a total of three-fourths.

Under questions by Representative WRIGHT PATMAN (Democrat), of Texas, Mr. Eccles said he couldn't believe the American public "would seriously support any such proposal" because a limitation to 25 percent of Federal income, inheritance, and gift taxes would inevitably mean substitution of sales taxes which, according to Eccles, would mean unemployment.

And yet the Legislatures of the following States have passed the proposal (in two of them, Arkansas and Wisconsin later rescinded, and in Pennsylvania vetoed): Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The amendment is backed by the Committee for Constitutional Government, of which Frank Gannett, Rochester, N. Y., publisher, is a leading figure.

In a well-financed campaign, the committee is publicizing the amendment. First response of most people—certainly of most Congressmen—is surprise to learn that the amendment has got so far.

Opposition, like that of Eccles, is just becoming vocal. The Gannett organization charges that its opponents are using the weapons of "revolutionary communism" to thwart the amendment, and in a recent release declared that a plot is on foot to "liquidate capital savings and hamstring private enterprise" by heavy Federal taxes.

DAILY STAR-JOURNAL IN MINNESOTA AGAINST PROPOSAL

A recent issue of the daily Star-Journal of the State of Minnesota, the following letter and editorial comment appeared:

LIMITING INCOME TAXES

To the EDITOR: This neighborhood is pretty strong for the Star-Journal, but we think we notice an approving silence on your part for the Committee on Constitutional Government, which is proposing a twenty-second amendment limiting income taxes to 25 percent. We suggest an editorial on the committee and its dangerous proposal to ease off income taxes in the higher brackets.

Is there any connection between this constitutional committee and the Minnesota Resources Commission, to whose proposals you have given so much space?

FRED R. BROWN.

ROCHERT, MINN.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Although the legislatures of 17 States have passed resolutions asking Congress to call a constitutional convention on an amendment limiting Federal income taxes to 25 percent, there seems little likelihood of success. The Star-Journal does not think that a flat maximum on income taxes is going to accomplish the purpose the committee seems to have in mind—reducing expenditures. Congressmen would be driven to other forms of revenue and the hidden taxes they may propose probably would be no improvement. Tying the hands of the Government in tax matters, when the Nation faces

necessarily large outlays in the post-war period, could lead to a number of difficulties. The Constitutional Committee and the Minnesota Resources Commission are entirely separate bodies.

MEXICAN TREATY INVADES THE RIGHTS OF LABOR

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 5 minutes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, there has been in the Senate for several weeks past, consideration of a treaty between Mexico and the United States on the water rights of the Colorado and Rio Grande Rivers. Today I want to speak on the question of how this treaty affects the rights of American labor.

The hard-won rights of American labor are summarily set aside by the proposed Mexican Treaty. With regard to the boundary sections of the Rio Grande and Colorado River, the treaty contains this startling provision:

The whole of the personnel employed either directly or indirectly on the construction, operation, and maintenance of the works may pass freely from one country to the other for the purpose of going to and from the place of location of the works, without immigration restrictions, passports, or labor requirements.

Thus the treaty provides that cheap foreign labor may be employed on the construction, and perpetually in the operation and maintenance of vast river works in the United States without regard to immigration restrictions, American labor laws and American wage scales. Because it is cheap labor, it is inevitable that contractors will use it to cut their costs and that these contractors who do use it will make the low bids and get the jobs. So, in the post-war period an American treaty will foreclose American workmen from getting work on these great projects.

The treaty has been denounced and its ratification is opposed by the American Federation of Labor, speaking through a resolution unanimously adopted at its 1944 national convention in New Orleans. An authorized representative of the A. F. of L. appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and testified against the proposed treaty.

The treaty is opposed by resolutions adopted by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and by the National Railway Labor Executives Association, speaking for 19 railway labor brotherhoods. Representatives of most of these organizations appeared personally before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and strongly urged that the treaty be not ratified. They have been ignored by the majority of the committee and by the State Department.

Let us look for just a moment at the resolution against the Mexican Treaty that was adopted unanimously by the American Federation of Labor at its national convention last December in New Orleans. This is what a great association of workers representing more than 9,000,000 members has to say about the Mexican Water Treaty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include at this point in my remarks the resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

(The matter referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AT ITS SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 29, 1944

Whereas there is pending before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate a treaty between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, relating to the waters of the Rio Grande, the Colorado River, and the Tijuana River; and

Whereas said treaty authorizes an international boundary and water commission, and the American section thereof, without adequate congressional controls, to plan and construct vast works on the main stream and on all tributaries of said rivers, and to control all labor on such construction work, and expressly permits the free passage of labor into the United States for use upon such works without any immigration restrictions, passports, or labor requirements, and further expressly permits the free passage into the United States of materials, implements, equipment, and repair parts fabricated by foreign labor for the construction, operation, and maintenance of such work; and

Whereas under the method of performing such work authorized and permitted by the said treaty, low-cost Mexican labor may be used upon any job done in the United States along the international border, to the exclusion of American labor; and

Whereas the pending treaty guarantees a minimum of 1,500,000 acre-feet of water per year to Mexico from the Colorado River, which guaranteed minimum exceeds by 750,000 acre-feet per year the quantity of water which Mexico could use from the unregulated river, and such additional water is available for use solely by reason of the expenditure of American money and the use of American labor on American soil in the construction of the Boulder project, and such guarantee of water to Mexico would deprive the Southwestern part of the United States of water required for its growth and expansion, both industrially and agriculturally, and would curtail the opportunities of American labor in such development; and

Whereas the application of such water to agricultural use in Mexico, where cheap labor is available, would enable Mexican farmers to undersell American farmers using American labor, and would tend to reduce American standards of living; and

Whereas the United States has entered into solemn contracts for the use of all of the waters of the Colorado River stored by the Boulder project, in consideration of which public and private organizations within the United States have agreed to repay to the United States the entire cost of such Boulder project, and have expended hundreds of millions of dollars in the construction of works to utilize such water, and such contracts cannot be fully performed by the United States in the event of ratification of the pending treaty, and breach of such contracts on the part of the United States would be contrary to American principles and sound business practice and would deprive American agencies of water supplies upon which they have relied, and which have been made available to their expense: Therefore be it

Resolved, That this sixty-fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor vigorously protests the ratification of this said treaty.

Mr. McDONOUGH. I want to call special attention to one clause of that resolution:

Whereas the application of such water to agricultural use in Mexico, where cheap labor is available, would enable Mexican farmers to undersell American farmers, using American labor, and would tend to reduce American standards of living.

That is what the authorized representatives of 9,000,000 American workers from every State in the Union think about the water treaty. But the State Department wants the treaty. I remain to be seen whether the United States Senate will want the treaty.

If the standards of American labor are to be upheld, I firmly believe no such treaty as is being proposed ought to be rammed down the throats of the American workingman—and the American citizens as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to further emphasize the fact that California is not appearing in this instance as being unfriendly to Mexico. On the contrary our attitude is that a treaty is necessary but the one that is before the Senate is definitely unfair, and we believe it should be reconsidered and amended.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. LANHAM, of Texas (at the request of Mr. THOMASON), for today, on account of important business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SAVAGE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 18 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 14, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

(Tuesday, March 13, 1945)

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, March 13, 1945, to resume hearings on H. R. 1362, railroad retirement bill.

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

(Wednesday, March 14, 1945)

The Committee on Immigration and Naturalization will hold a hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 1945, at 10 o'clock a. m., on H. R. 1624 and H. R. 1746.

COMMITTEE ON THE MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES

(Thursday, March 15, 1945)

The Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold open hearings on Thursday, March 15, 1945, at 10 a. m., on H. R. 1425.

COMMITTEE ON THE POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS

(Thursday, March 15, 1945)

There will be a meeting of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads on Thursday, March 15, 1945, at 10 a. m., to continue hearings on parcel-post rates.

COMMITTEE ON WORLD WAR VETERANS' LEGISLATION

(Thursday, March 15, 1945)

The Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation will meet in executive session at 10:30 a. m., on Thursday, March 15, 1945, in the committee room, 356 House Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INVALID PENSIONS

(Tuesday, March 20, 1945)

The Committee on Invalid Pensions will hold hearings on Tuesday, March 20, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., in room 247, House Office Building, on H. R. 128, a bill to extend the period of the Philippine Insurrection so as to include active service with the United States military or naval forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro Province, including Mindanao, or in the islands of Samar and Leyte, between July 5, 1902, and December 31, 1913.

(Wednesday, March 21, 1945).

The Committee on Invalid Pensions will continue hearings on Wednesday, March 21, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., in the committee room, 247 House Office Building, on H. R. 128, a bill to extend the period of the Philippine Insurrection for pensionable purposes for service rendered between July 5, 1902, and December 31, 1913.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

301. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting an estimate of the number of employees required for the proper and efficient exercise of the functions of the General Accounting Office during the quarter ending June 30, 1945; to the Committee on the Civil Service.

302. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Navy Department and naval services for the fiscal year 1946, containing estimates of appropriations in the sum of \$25,232,165,674, together with proposed provisions affecting such estimates (H. Doc. No. 116); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COCHRAN: Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. H. R. 2504. A bill to discontinue certain reports now required by law; without amendment (Rept. No. 311). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Joint Committee on the Disposition of Executive Papers. House Report No. 312. Report on the disposition of certain papers of sundry executive departments. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Joint Committee on the Disposition of Executive Papers. House Report No. 313. Report on the disposition of certain papers of sundry executive departments. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHN J. DELANEY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 45. Resolution authorizing the Committee on Labor to conduct and investigate the extent and charac-

DISCONTINUING CERTAIN REPORTS NOW REQUIRED BY LAW

MARCH 13, 1945.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2504]

The Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

It is the purpose of the bill to authorize the discontinuance of 64 reports or statements now required by law of the various departments and agencies in the executive branch of the Government, and to repeal the acts, or parts of acts, requiring the submission of such reports or statements to the extent of such requirement.

At the present time there are approximately 330 statutory provisions requiring the preparation and submission to the Congress by the departments and agencies in the executive branch of various monthly, quarterly, or annual reports. Usually each statutory provision is applicable to only 1 department or agency, but in some cases the provision is applicable to all of the executive departments and agencies. House Document 17 of the Seventy-ninth Congress itemizes these reports. In the main, the reports show the expenditures made, the appropriations chargeable, and related data, but do not contain any definite information that would be enlightening in any way to one who examined the reports. The reports are submitted to the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, and most of them are referred in manuscript form to committees.

It is the natural tendency of the Congress in enacting laws establishing a new agency or expanding the functions of an existing agency to require periodic submission of reports of activities under such laws as a means of keeping itself informed with respect to such activities. These reports, however, after several years of operation under the new law, often become of relatively small value.

The proposal contained in the bill H. R. 2504 is of the same character as the act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 986), which repealed 128 provisions of law requiring the preparation and submission of reports to the Congress.

A majority of the reports enumerated in the bill H. R. 2504 have been largely or completely outmoded because of the establishment of other reporting procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, or due to the transfer or discontinuance of activities to which the statutory provisions relate.

Any information which the Congress may desire can be supplied upon its request or the request of the respective committees of the House or Senate, and in the form desired at the time for the particular purpose.

In view of the fact that, as a means of conserving printing funds, the majority of the listed reports are sent to committees and are not printed, and since it has been indicated in the House consideration of a predecessor bill of this character that little if any use has then been made of these unprinted reports, it would appear that their discontinuance would not adversely affect the business of the Congress.

It would further appear that the provisions of H. R. 2504 are in the interest of conserving manpower, materials, space, and Government funds, and would not result in any detriment to the public service.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, ITEM BY ITEM, IN THE ORDER OF
THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE BILL

Item No. 1.—Quarterly report to the President, required by Appropriation Act of March 15, 1898 (30 Stat. 316), of executive departments, or other Government establishments at the seat of government not under an executive department, as to the condition of public business therein and whether any branch thereof is in arrears.

With the growth of the Government and the fiscal and policy procedures that have been established since 1898, which keep the President informed of activities in the various agencies, and the fact that the President may call upon any department or agency at any time for information which he may desire, there is no need for the continuance of this statutory requirement. As a matter of fact, with but few exceptions the departments and agencies are not cognizant of, and do not submit, reports as prescribed by the 1898 statute.

Item No. 2.—Report of work status of projects on forest roads and trails, the allocation of appropriations, expenditures, and receipts, names of employees and their duties, salaries, etc., required by legislative enactment of November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 216; 48 Stat. 995).

The Department of Agriculture pointed out that a conservative estimate of the time spent in the compilation and typing of this report in the Washington office alone was approximately 1,175 man-hours; that the cost of making the report, including the photographic expenses, was \$1,588; that in addition at least an equal amount of time and money is expended by the regional and field offices in gathering the data needed; that the Federal Works Agency also submits reports to Congress relative to work done under the Federal Highway Act, and that it is believed that the repeal of this statutory provision would not deprive either the Congress or the taxpayers of essential

information, especially since such information will be, as it has been in the past, included in the annual reports of these agencies. It appears, therefore, that the preparation of this separate report serves but little purpose and certainly does not justify the expenditures involved.

Item No. 3.—Report by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Congress, required by legislative enactment of February 16, 1938 (52 Stat. 68), showing the names of persons receiving Agricultural Adjustment Agency payments in excess of \$1,000.

The Department points out that the accumulation of material for preparation of this report involves a review of each application for payment submitted during the year and the preparation of a summary card for each producer who received in excess of \$1,000. Each year these cards are transmitted from each State to a centrally located office of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, where they are arranged alphabetically, tabulated, and used in the formulation of this voluminous report. The Department of Agriculture has expressed the opinion that the report is of no benefit insofar as its operations are concerned, and that the preparation of the report each year costs approximately \$25,000.

Item No. 4.—Report by the Secretary of Commerce, required by act of May 27, 1935 (49 Stat. 292), showing the names of persons for whom work has been performed, nature and price of service, and the disposition of moneys received therefor.

This information is available at all times through the medium of fiscal reports prepared to meet the requirements of the Treasurer of the United States and the General Accounting Office, and there appears to be no need for compilation in the special form required by the above-mentioned statute.

Item No. 5.—Report required of the Coast and Geodetic Survey by legislative enactment of March 3, 1853 (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes), showing certain information and charts respecting the coasts of the United States.

The information contained in this special report involves, in fact, a duplication of information shown in the annual report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Item No. 6.—Report required of the Secretary of the Interior by legislative enactment of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1975), respecting his investigation of certain dams, waterworks, or other projects constructed in the Clear Lake watershed, in the State of California.

This involves, in fact, the issuance of only a single as distinguished from a recurring report. A single report, however, is not forthcoming for the reason that the investigation has not been initiated, due to the fact that the irrigation districts have declined to enter into contracts to repay the costs of such an investigation.

Item No. 7.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior respecting the feasibility and costs of irrigation projects, required by legislative enactment of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388).

The report required has, in fact, been discontinued for the past several years, although the statutory provision has not been repealed.

Item No. 8.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of all moneys expended on each irrigation project, required by appropriation act of April 4, 1910 (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

Item No. 9.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of the fiscal affairs of Indian tribes for whose benefit expenditures from public or tribal funds were made, required by appropriation act of March 3, 1911 (36 Stat. 1077).

Item No. 10.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of transactions under the receiving fund for loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations, required by legislative enactment of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986).

Item No. 11.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of expenditures made for the relief of destitute natives of Alaska, now required by Appropriation Act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 584).

Item No. 12.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of the operation of the Geological Survey, required by appropriation act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 395).

Item No. 13.—Report of amounts expended from the appropriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey," for the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees, required by appropriation act of May 10, 1926 (44 Stat. 487).

Item No. 14.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of field employees temporarily detailed to the District of Columbia, required by appropriation act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 603).

Item No. 15.—Report of all operations under section 5 of the act of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1919 (40 Stat. 1272).

Item No. 16.—Report of projects undertaken and expenditures made in connection with Federal aid to wildlife restoration, required by legislative enactment of September 2, 1937 (50 Stat. 919).

The information contained in each of the reports required under items 8 to 16, both inclusive, is of a fiscal character and is therefore shown in the accounting reports required by the Treasury Department and the General Accounting Office. The preparation of the special reports required by these statutes requires a special compilation but is, in fact, a duplication for the most part of information contained either in the Budget estimates or annual reports of the respective bureaus of the Department. Information on any of the subjects above indicated can be readily compiled on short notice, should a need arise for such information.

Item No. 17.—The report required of the Secretary of Labor by legislative enactment of April 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581), giving data relating to special statistical studies made by the Labor Department for others upon payment of the cost thereof.

Item No. 18.—Report by the Secretary of Labor showing the names of persons for whom work has been performed, nature and price of service, and the disposition of moneys received therefor.

The reports called for in items 17 and 18 concern rather small and incidental activities of the Department, and since the information contained in the reports is available in a different form in the estimates of appropriations submitted to the Congress and in financial reports of the Department, there appears to be no reason why these two reports should not be eliminated.

Item No. 19.—Report of the Navy and War Departments' operations in the purchase of aircraft, the names and addresses of the contractors, prices paid, etc., required by legislative enactment of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 787).

These reports include the number of airplanes contracted for under the statute, the names and addresses of the contractors, as well as others who competed in the bidding; the prices paid for aircraft, and the reasons for awarding the contracts to the successful bidders. At the time of enactment of this statute (1926) the aircraft industry needed encouragement so far as expansion and development were concerned. Likewise, it was desirable that aircraft producers be afforded as nearly equal opportunities as possible in obtaining contracts from the Government for the production of aircraft. The number of aircraft then authorized was extremely limited, and preparation of the reports was not unduly burdensome. However, under emergency and wartime conditions all aircraft production facilities of the country are being utilized. The volume of aircraft and aircraft accessory procurement has increased to such enormous proportions that preparation of the report is extremely burdensome and consumes a great deal of manpower. The nature of the report is such that for national security reasons certain parts thereof should not be made public.

The compilation of this information by the Navy alone consumes approximately 300 man-hours annually, and upon completion is insufficient for a satisfactory audit of any single transaction.

Item No. 20.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy (or the Secretary of War, as the case may be) by legislative enactments of June 25, 1936, and April 3, 1939 (48 Stat. 505; 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560), of exemptions on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and fire control.

Due to the fact that this equipment is of a scientific and technical nature, frequent exemptions of contractors and subcontractors from the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1934 have been necessary in order to obtain production of the equipment in the quantities and at the times required by emergency and wartime conditions. Whenever such exemptions are made, the statute requires a report of the names of the contractors and subcontractors "together with the applicable contracts and the amounts thereof" to the Congress. Disclosure of such vital information to enemy agents necessarily would be detrimental and damaging to the United States. The information contained in the reports can be obtained by the Congress readily upon application, and under such conditions that the danger of disclosure is not present. It is believed, therefore, that the report can be dispensed with without injury to the public service or without depriving the Congress of needed and useful information.

Item No. 21.—Reports required of the Secretaries of War and Navy, by appropriation act of August 25, 1941 (55 Stat. 686; 56 Stat. 244), showing the names of those who, on behalf of the Government and the contractors, participated in negotiating contracts, and the reason for selecting the contractor in cases where contracts are awarded without competitive bidding.

The statute requires that there be submitted to the Congress within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year a complete list of all contracts in excess of \$150,000, including contracts for the purchase of land, which were undertaken during such fiscal year, the report showing (1) a statement of the subject matter of each contract; (2) the names of the contractors; (3) the names of the persons who approved the

specifications, consummated the making, or concluded the negotiation of any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the contractor; (4) if any such contract was awarded without competitive bidding, a statement of the principal or controlling reason for the selection of the contractor; and (5) as to contracts for the purchase of land, the location, area, intended use, the purchase price, and the assessed value thereof.

This report is extremely burdensome to the War Department. Its report for the fiscal year 1943 comprised approximately 1,800 pages and involved 19,000 purchase actions. For 1944 the report is of approximately the same proportions. Due to its voluminous nature, the value of the report for reference purposes is considered doubtful. All of the information embodied in the report is currently available to Congress upon request. Preparation of the report requires a great deal of time and attention on the part of War Department personnel. Discontinuance of the report would effect an important saving in man-hours involved in typing, checking, reproducing, and assembling the various elements of the report.

In the Navy this report consumes approximately 3,500 man-hours annually for its preparation, and the most recent report contained 290 closely printed pages with supplements aggregating 3,171 pages and listed approximately 22,720 contracts. The report is so voluminous that it would appear that its value for reference or informational purposes is nil.

All of the contracts covered are audited by the General Accounting Office and any information desired can be obtained from the War and Navy Departments.

Item No. 22.—Reports by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy of persons commissioned from civilian life, required by legislative enactment of June 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 369).

At the present time preparation of this report in the War Department is not particularly burdensome, but its discontinuance is believed to be in the public interest because its usefulness to Congress is considered doubtful.

In the Navy Department applications are currently being received at the rate of 900 each month. Approximately 600 of these applicants receive commissions and the forms for these approved applicants are forwarded as the report. In addition to the expense involved in the preparation and distribution of the necessary forms and in their completion and typing, the time involved in preparing the report amounts to approximately 415 man-hours per month or approximately 5,000 man-hours annually. The information contained in the report duplicates information maintained in the files of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, which is available, and in greater detail, to the Congress. In the past this report has required the use of a motor vehicle to transport it to the Congress. It is understood that usually this report has been stored in a vault from which it has not been removed for inspection or use.

Item No. 23.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy by Appropriation Act of July 11, 1919 (41 Stat. 132), of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouchers, etc.

The making of this report was discontinued some years ago. The subject information duplicates information furnished the Comptroller General for action under the statutory authority.

Item No. 24.—Report by the Secretary of the Navy, required by legislative enactment of July 18, 1935 (48 Stat. 482), of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for repairs to any one naval vessel for any 18 consecutive months.

This report has never been made because of the nonexistence of the factual situation upon which it is predicated. The requirement of report is considered obsolete in view of subsequent legislation waiving the substantive provisions of law.

Item No. 25.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy by legislative enactment of April 25, 1939 (53 Stat. 590), of all contracts involving the construction of certain public works.

The report is believed to be of little practical value because the information contained therein is covered, more fully and more currently, in the monthly report of contract awards issued by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. Furthermore, the information is available, and in more detail, upon request by the Congress.

Item No. 26.—Report by the Secretary of the Navy of vessels whose names have been stricken from the Navy Register, required by appropriation act of August 5, 1882 (22 Stat. 296).

Records do not indicate that this report has been made to Congress for many years. However, the information is contained in a monthly report submitted by the Chief of Naval Operations to the General Accounting Office.

Item No. 27.—Report of the advance payments made to contractors under authority of section 1 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676).

Executive Order 9001 under the First War Powers Act of December 18, 1941, authorized the Navy to enter into contracts and to make advance payments thereon of any percentage of the contract price without regard to preexisting provisions of law. Inasmuch as all advance payments are now made under the authority of the President's Executive Order 9001 rather than under the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676), there no longer exists the necessity for this report.

Item No. 28.—Report of contracts entered into without competition under the authority of section 2 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

Item No. 29.—Report of the cost of special additional equipment and facilities to be borne by the Government under each contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

Item No. 30.—Report of the contracts entered into under authority of section 8 (b) of the act of June 28, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 680).

The reports under items 28, 29, and 30 relate to operations under different sections of the same statute, and have been superseded by item 21. The information is substantially the same as that given in item 21 and the time required for preparation would be virtually the same (i. e., 3,500 man-hours annually).

Item No. 31.—Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval equipment, as required by section 14 (b) of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 681).

This requirement is obsolete and the need for a report unnecessary in view of subsequent congressional action on this same subject matter. (For example, the act of October 3, 1944, Public Law 457, 78th Cong., as well as regulations of the Surplus Property Board.)

Item No. 32.—List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value, including contracts for the purchase of land (55 Stat. 686).

Item No. 33.—Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under authority, title III, Priorities Powers, section 2 of the act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

Item No. 34.—Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under the provisions of section 1 of the act of December 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

The reports referred to in items 32, 33, and 34 deal with the same subject matter as that covered by item 21, and have been superseded by that report.

Item No. 35.—Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aeronautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department as required under section 10 of the act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 787).

This report is practically identical to that report mentioned in item 19.

Item No. 36.—The report covering data setting forth special contracts with railroad companies (39 Stat. L. 427).

The Post Office Department, in recommending the discontinuance of this report, pointed out that the information contained in the report was no longer of value since the weight basis of pay was superseded by the space basis, and the rates for postal service are now fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Item No. 37.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of August 16, 1842 (5 Stat. 507), of all changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether effected by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations.

Item No. 38.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of August 18, 1856 (11 Stat. 139), of a synopsis of certain information communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers.

The State Department points out that the Department of Commerce has for many years been charged with the publication and dissemination of commercial information along the lines required under items 37 and 38 received from American Foreign Service officers abroad, and that the statutory provisions of these two items should be repealed.

Item No. 39.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489), of the lists of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign places.

The State Department points out that this item involves information coming within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, and should either be eliminated or modified.

Item No. 40.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1799 (1 Stat. 731), abstracting returns made to him by collectors of ports, of the seamen registered by them.

The State Department points out that in recent years the amount collected in fees by Foreign Service officers has been included in the annual Budget Messages of the President to Congress, and that the continuance of a separate report, as required by the above statutory provision, represents a duplication of information on the same subject.

Item No. 41.—That part of the annual report to the Congress required of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (18 Stat. 317).

Item No. 42.—Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately (32 Stat. 138).

Item No. 52.—Annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency (32 Stat. 138).

The Treasury Department, in recommending that the reports required by items 41, 42, and 52, pointed out that such repeal would permit the Comptroller of the Currency to exercise discretion with respect to the date and contents of his annual report to the Congress; that this would be in accordance with existing statutory requirements respecting the annual reports of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Item No. 43.—Report of officers and administrative departments and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington (28 Stat. 209; 29 Stat. 179).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this item, pointed out that the Comptroller General, under existing law, annually reports to Congress any delinquency in the rendition of accounts by disbursing officers; that personnel ledger accounts of disbursing officers were transferred from the Treasury Department to the General Accounting Office by the provisions of the Budget and Accounting Act of June 10, 1921.

Item No. 44.—Submission of reports which may be made to the Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the examination of the accounts of the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the application of the money appropriated for those departments for the preceding year (sec. 260 of the Revised Statutes).

Item No. 45.—Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures in the naval service under each appropriation (20 Stat. 167).

Item No. 46.—Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents at the close of each fiscal year (20 Stat. 167).

The Treasury Department, in recommending the repeal of the provisions of law set forth in items 44, 45, and 46, pointed out that the requirements for these reports were affected by the Budget and Accounting Act of June 10, 1921, which transferred to the General Accounting Office the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury and the six auditors, and that the Secretary of the Treasury is no longer in a position to make such reports to the Congress.

Item No. 47.—Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the Department (sec. 262 of the Revised Statutes).

The Treasury Department points out that it is of the opinion that the requirements of the above provision of law, although carried in the United States Code as *prima facie* law, were repealed by the act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 986), which discontinued reports and statements required by law to be made to Congress of "Statement of

expenditures from contingent appropriations," and that such matters in addition are included in the Department's report to the Budget.

Item No. 48.—Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury of administration of the functions with which he is charged under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (49 Stat. 977).

The Treasury Department points out that the act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1964), which repealed several provisions of the "Federal Alcohol Administration Act" of August 29, 1935, and established a new administration as an independent agency, was to be effected when the new administrators authorized thereby were appointed; that although such officers were never appointed, and the repeal did not become effected, many of the subsections of the act were omitted from the United States Code in view of the adoption of the Reorganization Plan No. 3, which abolished the Administration and transferred its functions to the Treasury to be administered through the Bureau of Internal Revenue; thus the information required by the above-mentioned statutes is included in the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Item No. 49.—Report of the number of persons employed, other than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid to each, at each mint and assay office (33 Stat. 657).

The Treasury Department, in recommending the repeal of this provision of law, pointed out that the information required is submitted to and included in the annual budget in accordance with the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921.

Item No. 50.—An abstract, in tabular form of the separate accounts required to be kept of moneys received from internal duties or taxes in each of the respective States, Territories, and collection districts (18 Stat. 317).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this provision of law, indicated that any of such information which may be useful to the Congress is no doubt included in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of finances, the combined statement of receipts and expenditures, and the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Item No. 51.—Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to leases of unoccupied and unproductive property of the United States under his control, for the leasing of which there is no authority under existing law (20 Stat. 383).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this provision, states that it has had no occasion in many years to lease unoccupied or unproductive property of the United States.

Item No. 53.—Report required of the Secretary of War by legislative enactment of April 20, 1874 (18 Stat. 33), relative to inspections made as to the necessity, economy, and propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army.

This report involves the expenditure of considerable time and attention in assembling and tabulating the details. Since practically all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army are supervised and audited by the General Accounting Office, it is believed that the report to the Congress may be discontinued without affecting the public interest or the efficiency and economy of expenditure of public funds. No estimate of the man-hours consumed in the preparation of this report is presently available, but such information will be furnished subsequently, if possible.

Item No. 54.—Report by the Secretary of War, required by Appropriation Act of August 18, 1890 (26 Stat. 320), as to the cost of certain types and classes of guns manufactured by the Government.

Item No. 55.—Report of the activities and expenditures of the Council of National Defense (39 Stat. 650).

This report relates to the activities and expenditures of the Council of National Defense created by the act of August 29, 1916. Most of the activities of the Council are now being carried out by the Office of Scientific Research and Development established in the Office for Emergency Management by Executive Order No. 8807 of June 28, 1941. Accordingly, it is believed that the requirement for a report may be dispensed with without depriving Congress of any needed or useful information.

Item No. 56.—Report by the Secretary of War, required by appropriation act of August 18, 1890 (26 Stat. 320), of expenditures at certain arsenals, and of arms, etc., fabricated, repaired, etc., during the fiscal year.

The statutes requiring these reports (items 54 and 56) were enacted during the last century when practically all guns and other ordnance materials used by the United States were produced in Government-owned installations. These plants, however, now produce a very small percentage of all ordnance matériel used by the War Department, estimated to be less than 5 percent. Accordingly, the reports no longer reflect anything except a very small proportion of total ordnance production. These plants are considered somewhat the same as privately owned and operated ordnance plants when contracts for this matériel are in process of being awarded. Estimates are procured from the arsenals and production orders given accordingly. Elimination of the reports will not result in discontinuance of the keeping of accurate and complete cost-accounting records. Assembling the data and compiling the reports are extremely burdensome. The Rock Island Arsenal estimates that its annual report for the past fiscal year required the consumption of 6,000 man-hours in its assembling and preparation. Figures from the other four arsenals and one armory are not available at the present time, but will be furnished later, if possible.

These reports are of no use to the War Department and are considered of very limited usefulness to the Congress, since complete reports on procurement are otherwise made to the Congress and the production in the arsenals represents such a small proportion of the total ordnance production. Elimination of the report, therefore, would not, in the opinion of the War Department, deprive the Congress of any information of value or usefulness to it.

Item No. 57.—A detailed report of sales of any war supplies, material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing character of articles sold, price received, and purpose for which sold (40 Stat. 850).

This statute relates to a report of the sales of any war supplies, material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing the character of articles sold, prices received, and the purpose for which sold. In view of the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, it is believed that this report properly should be discontinued.

Item No. 58.—Hereafter the Secretary of War shall, within the limits of appropriations made from time to time by Congress, and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations approved by him

upon the recommendation of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, in connection with the promotion and encouragement of rifle practice, authorize and provide for: Construction work, equipment, maintenance and operation of rifle ranges; issues of ordnance; sales of arms, procurement of supplies; expenses of the National Board; transportation of certain officials; procurement of badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation of supplies, and so forth. Full report of all things done hereunder to be made annually to Congress (43 Stat. 510).

Paragraph 58 relates to the statutory requirement for a full report of all things done relating to the activities of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. While the activities of this Board during wartime necessarily have been curtailed and limited and preparation of the report does not at present involve the expenditure of any considerable number of man-hours, any unnecessary use of manpower during present critical conditions seems to be unwarranted.

Item No. 59.—Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement (not later than 24 hours after made), covering the exchange or other disposition of military equipment, munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

In view of the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, and the fact that the method of disposing of property and supplies no longer needed by the War Department is regulated and governed thereunder, the usefulness of this report to the Congress seems extremely doubtful. Its discontinuance would not, in the opinion of this Department, deprive the Congress of any useful or needed information.

Item No. 60.—Report to the Congress each month of the number of men in active training and service in the land forces under section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

At the time of enactment of this requirement, the number of selectees to be inducted into the Army was limited to 900,000. It is believed, that submission of the report was required largely for the purpose of assuring Congress that the limitation was not exceeded. Wartime conditions have required expansion of this number many times. Since enactment of the measure, conditions have so changed that the report, without exhaustive and painstaking investigation, is not sufficiently accurate to be really informative concerning the strength of the armed forces. Following enactment of the act, many enlistments in the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard occurred. The War Department has no control over such matters, nor does it have accurate and detailed information concerning the selectees serving in the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Figures submitted in the report have been estimated for the past year or more and are subject to considerable inaccuracy and error. Determining each month the exact number of selectees in active training and service would involve a tremendous expenditure of time and energy and would be, in the opinion of this Department, unwarranted by the little practical use that could be made of those figures when obtained.

Item No. 61.—Reports by the Superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital of receipts and expenditures in connection with operation of the hospital, required by appropriation act of June 4, 1880 (21 Stat. 156; 39 Stat. 309).

In view of the Federal accounting methods and controls now in use, there seems to be no purpose which the report can serve at the present time.

Item No. 62.—Annual report of the affairs of Howard University (45 Stat. 1021).

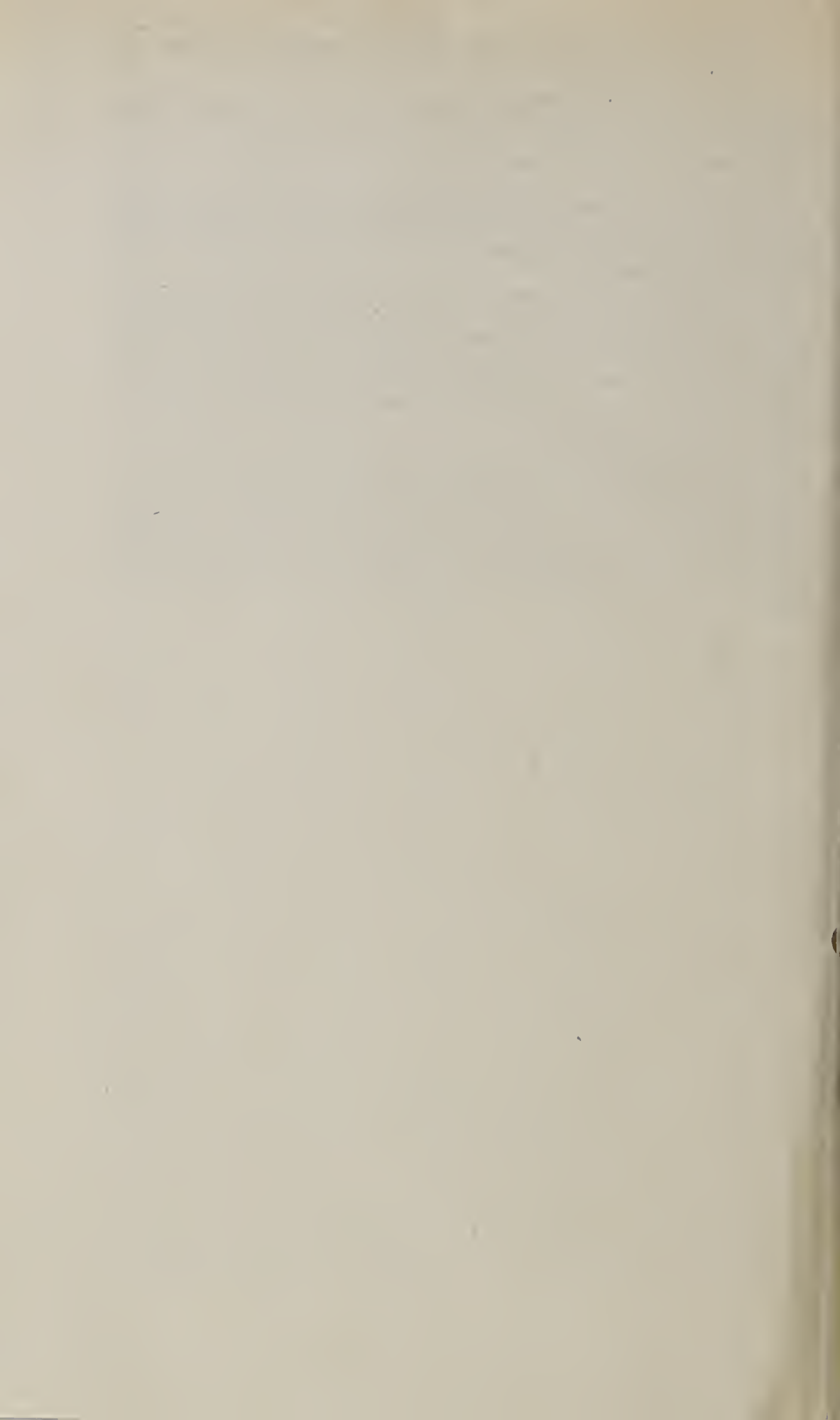
Item No. 63.—Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the superintendent and for teachers (R. S. 4867).

The Federal Security Agency, in recommending the repeal of the statutory provisions set forth in items 62 and 63, pointed out that the material in these reports is either included in other reports to the Congress made by the constituent units of the Federal Security Agency or is available in the printed Budget, and that the elimination of these statutory requirements would make the duplication of this material unnecessary.

Item No. 64.—Annual report to the Public Printer by the Superintendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat. 610).

The Government Printing Office, in recommending the repeal of this statutory provision, points out that the report involves the compilation of the record of sales of more than 60,000 titles at an annual cost of approximately \$20,000, and that other records provide all the other information necessary for the accounting of the proceeds of sales.





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[Report No. 311]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1945

Mr. COCHRAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments

MARCH 13, 1945

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following reports or statements now required by
4 law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts
5 herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or
6 statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such re-
7 quirement:

8 THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECU-
9 TIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

10 1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive
11 department or other Government establishment at the seat of

1 government not under an executive department as to the
2 condition of the public business in said department or
3 establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears
4 (30 Stat. 316).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6 2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails
7 required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first
8 Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement
9 of the work done, the status of each project undertaken,
10 the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the
11 expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year,
12 an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, in-
13 cluding a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel
14 expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for new legisla-
15 tion amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216;
16 48 Stat. 995).

17 3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Admin-
19 istration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the
20 names of persons to whom payments were made during the
21 preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

23 4. Report showing the names for whom work has been
24 performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price

1 charged for services, and the manner in which the money
2 received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

3 5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing
4 as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and
5 showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and
6 so forth, accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast
7 of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

8 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

9 6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water
10 works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake
11 watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water
12 rights of the United States in California, and to render a
13 report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

14 7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct
15 irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of
16 waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results
17 of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of
18 all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the
19 lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative
20 to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost
21 of works in process of construction, as well as those which
22 have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

23 8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irriga-
24 tion project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

1 9. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives of the fiscal affairs of all Indian tribes for whose benefit
3 expenditures from either public or tribal funds were made
4 (36 Stat. 1077).

5 10. Report of transactions under the revolving fund for
6 loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations (48
7 Stat. 986).

8 11. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year
9 for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

10 12. Annual report of the operations of the Geological
11 Survey (20 Stat. 395).

12 13. Statement showing amount expended from the ap-
13 propriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey", for
14 the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat.
15 487).

16 14. Report all temporary details to the District of
17 Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during
18 each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

19 15. Report of all operations under section 5 of the Act
20 of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements
21 (40 Stat. 1272).

22 16. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures
23 under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50
24 Stat. 919).

1 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2 17. Report giving data relating to special statistical
3 studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon
4 payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

5 18. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to
6 Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a
7 detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person
8 for whom work has been performed under authority of this
9 statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him,
10 (3) the price charged for these services by the Department
11 of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received
12 were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

13 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND
14 WAR

15 19. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments'
16 operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to
17 provide more effectively for the national defense by increas-
18 ing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other
19 purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

20 20. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or
21 the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions
22 on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equip-
23 ment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and
24 fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended,

1 relating to excess profits in connection with the construction
2 of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505;
3 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

4 21. That part of the report required of the Secretary
5 of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts
6 in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for
7 the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supple-
8 mental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other Act requir-
9 ing the names of the persons who approved the specifications,
10 consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of
11 any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all
12 persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the
13 contractor, and information in cases where such contract was
14 awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or
15 controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat.
16 686; 56 Stat. 244).

17 22. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the
18 Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian
19 life (56 Stat. 369).

20 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

21 23. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility
22 on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouch-
23 ers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

24 24. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for

1 repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive
2 months (49 Stat. 482).

3 25. Report of all contracts entered into under authority
4 of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing
5 the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction
6 of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

7 26. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken
8 from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 296).

9 27. Report of the advance payments made to contractors
10 under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54
11 Stat. 676).

12 28. Report of contracts entered into without competition
13 under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940
14 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

15 29. Report of the cost of special additional equipment
16 and facilities to be borne by the Government under each
17 contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act
18 of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

19 30. Report of the contracts entered into under authority
20 of section 8 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended
21 (54 Stat. 680).

22 31. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
23 mittees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Repre-
24 sentatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement

1 covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval
2 equipment (54 Stat. 681).

3 32. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value,
4 including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a
5 summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names
6 of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any
7 such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the
8 contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without
9 competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selec-
10 tion of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

11 33. Report every three months of the contracts entered
12 into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of
13 the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

14 34. Report every three months of the contracts entered
15 into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December
16 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

17 35. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aero-
18 nautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44
19 Stat. 787).

20 REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

21 36. The report covering data setting forth special con-
22 tracts with railroad companies (39 Stat 427).

23 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

24 37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
25 Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such

1 changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other
2 nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports,
3 or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the
4 Department, including all commercial information contained
5 in the official publications of other governments which he
6 shall deem sufficiently important (section 208 of the Revised
7 Statutes).

8 38. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
9 Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which
10 may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and
11 consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem
12 valuable for public information, specifying the names of
13 any consuls or commercial agents who may have been
14 remiss in transmitting commercial information (section 208
15 of the Revised Statutes).

16 39. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
17 Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in
18 the United States from foreign places, returned to him quar-
19 ter yearly by the collectors of customs (section 208 of the
20 Revised Statutes).

21 40. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress,
22 within ten days after the commencement of each regular
23 session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns
24 made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different

1 ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an
2 account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear
3 by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section
4 207 of the Revised Statutes).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

6 41. That part of the annual report to the Congress re-
7 quired of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a
8 summary of the state and condition of every national bank
9 from which reports have been received the preceding year,
10 at the several dates to which such reports refer, together
11 with detailed information concerning its resources and liabili-
12 ties; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business
13 has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments
14 to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the
15 resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized
16 under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5)
17 the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the
18 Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the
19 Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report
20 to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its
21 session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

22 42. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
23 sentatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the
24 Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each

1 year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately
2 (32 Stat. 138).

3 43. Report of officers and administrative departments
4 and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or
5 transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington,
6 and such officers as were found upon final settlements of
7 their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and
8 who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into
9 the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as
10 amended).

11 44. Submission of reports which may be made to the
12 Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the
13 examination of the accounts of the Department of War and
14 the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the
15 application of the money appropriated for those departments
16 for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

17 45. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the
18 Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures
19 in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up
20 and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the
21 accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20
22 Stat. 167).

23 46. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
24 to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above

1 of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents
2 at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts
3 lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

4 47. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of
5 the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the
6 head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the
7 Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and
8 repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec-
9 tion 262 of the Revised Statutes).

10 48. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury
11 of administration of the functions with which he is charged
12 under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which
13 report shall include the names and compensation of all per-
14 sons employed under the provisions of that Act (49 Stat.
15 977).

16 49. Report of the number of persons employed, other
17 than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid
18 to each, at each mint and assay office, out of appropriations
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16 arms, procurement of supplies; expenses of the National
17 Board; transportation of certain officials; procurement of
18 badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation of supplies,
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23 Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agree-
24 ment (not later than twenty-four hours after made), cover-

1 ing the exchange or other disposition of military equipment,
2 munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

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4 of men in active training and service in the land forces under
5 section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of
6 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

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8 61. Annual report at the beginning of each regular
9 session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of
10 Saint Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts and
11 expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospital for
12 the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156; 39
13 Stat. 309).

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15 (45 Stat. 1021).

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17 appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for
18 the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the super-
19 intendent and for teachers (Sec. 4867 of the Revised
20 Statutes).

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22 64. Annual report to the Public Printer by the Super-
23 intendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat.
24 610).

79TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2504

[Report No. 311]

A BILL

To discontinue certain reports now required
by law.

By Mr. COCHRAN

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HIGHLIGHTS: House conferees on pay bill appointed. House passed bills discontinuing AAA, FS, and condition-of-work reports and to repeal limitation on effectiveness of hops-marketing order. Judge Jones' and Grover B. Hill's service in war-food program commended. Rural telephone bill introduced in House. Passed over Wickard's nomination. House committee reported price-control measure. Senate debated trade-agreements bill.

HOUSE

1. PAY BILL. Reps. Ramspeck, Randolph, Jackson, Rees of Kans., and Vursell were appointed conferees on S. 807, the pay bill (p. 6390). Senate conferees were appointed June 15.
2. REPORTS. Passed with amendment H.R. 2504, to discontinue certain reports now required by law (includes AAA, FS, and condition-of-work reports) (pp. 6393-5).
3. SCHOOL-LUNCH PROGRAM. At the request of Rep. Cole, N.Y., passed over H.R.3370, the Flannagan school-lunch bill (p. 6398). Rep. Cole stated that "the amount of money involved in this bill appears to be entirely too large to justify its consideration on the Consent Calendar!" (For provisions see Digest 112.)
4. RECLAMATION; VETERANS. At the request of Rep. Murdock, Ariz., passed over H.R. 520, to facilitate the settlement of returning veterans and others on farms in reclamation projects (p. 6401). (For provisions see Digest 112.)(See also Item 36.)
5. FOOD ADMINISTRATION. Rep. Worley, Tex., commended Judge Jones and Grover B. Hill's service in the war-food program (p. 6416).
6. PRICE CONTROL; RATIONING. Banking and Currency Committee reported with amendment H.J.Res. 101, extending the Price Control and Stabilization Act (H.Rept. 764) (p. 6431).
Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of this measure (p. 6431).
7. FOOD AND DRUGS. Passed as reported H.R.3266, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and

Cosmetic Act by providing for the certification of batches of drugs composed wholly or partly of any kind of penicillin or any derivative thereof (p.6402).

8. FEDERAL-EMPLOYEES' HEALTH. At the request of Rep. Kean, N.J., passed over H.R. 2716, to provide for health programs for Government employees (p. 6395).
9. RECLAMATION. Passed without amendment S. 118, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land on the Gila reclamation project to the University of Arizona for experimental agricultural research activities (pp. 6395-6). This bill will now be sent to the President.
10. IRRIGATION. Discussed, and at the request of Rep. Cole, N.Y., passed over H.R. 3288, to amend the San Carlos Act so as to provide that the construction charges on account of non-Indian lands in the project shall be repaid in variable annual payments (pp. 6400-1).
11. PROPERTY REQUISITION. Passed without amendment H.R.3232, and H.R.3234, the property requisition acts (pp. 6407-9).
12. EXPORTS. Passed without amendment H.R.2944, to continue until June 30, 1946, the act authorizing export control of commodities, including agricultural products (pp. 6406-7). Rejected, 122-188, Rep. Harness' (Ind.) amendment to strike out June 30, 1946 and to insert Dec. 31, 1945.
13. RESEARCH. Passed without amendment H.R.3440, authorizing appropriations for a permanent program of scientific research in the interest of national security (pp. 6417-27).
14. PUBLIC LANDS. Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 660, to transfer certain lands situated in Rapides Parish, La., to the board of supervisors of La. State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (H.Rept. 762) (p. 6431).
15. HOUSING. Passed without amendment H.R.3278, to increase the appropriation authorization for war housing by \$30,000,000 (pp. 6428-30).
16. HOPS MARKETING. Passed without amendment S. 427, to repeal that provision of the Agricultural Marketing Act which limits to Sept. 1, 1945, the effectiveness of a hops-marketing order (p. 6396). This bill will now be sent to the President.
17. GRANTS-IN-AID. Passed over, on objection of Rep. Sparkman, Ala., H.R.3321, to provide for State inspection of federally-distributed grant-in-aid materials, etc. (p. 6397).
18. D. C. APPROPRIATION BILL, 1946. Received the conference report on this bill, H. R. 3306 (p. 6390). (For items of interest see Digest 116.)
19. POSTAL RATES. Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 184, to continue the temporary increases in postal rates on first-class matter (p. 6391).
Passed over, upon objection of Rep. Madden, Ind., H.R. 3238, readjusting the rates of postage on catalogs and other fourth-class matter (p. 6396).
20. PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION. Both Houses received the President's letter urging early consideration of legislation placing the Speaker of the House first in order of succession in case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability to act of the President and Vice President (pp. 6392-3, 6382-3).

and Vice President. This period the Congress should fix. The individuals elected at such general or special election should then serve only to fill the unexpired term of the deceased President and Vice President. In this way there would be no interference with the normal 4-year interval of general national elections.

I recommend, therefore, that the Congress enact legislation placing the Speaker of the House of Representatives first in order of succession in case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability to act of the President and Vice President. Of course, the Speaker should resign as a Representative in the Congress as well as Speaker of the House before he assumes the office of President.

If there is no qualified Speaker, or if the Speaker fails to qualify, then I recommend that the succession pass to the President pro tempore of the Senate, who should hold office until a duly qualified Speaker is elected.

If there be neither Speaker nor President pro tempore qualified to succeed on the creation of the vacancy, then the succession might pass to the members of the Cabinet as now provided, until a duly qualified Speaker is elected.

If the Congress decides that a special election should be held, then I recommend that it provide for such election to be held as soon after the death or disqualification of the President and Vice President as practicable. The method and procedure for holding such special election should be provided now by law, so that the election can be held as expeditiously as possible should the contingency arise.

In the interest of orderly, democratic government, I urge the Congress to give its early consideration to this most important subject.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 19, 1945.

CALENDAR WEDNESDAY

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order on Calendar Wednesday of this week be dispensed with.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, may I ask the majority leader what we will take up on Wednesday?

Mr. McCORMACK. We are in hopes that the OPA bill will be brought up tomorrow; if not, two other bills will come up for consideration: The amendment to the Nationality Act and S. 511. However, we are hopeful that the OPA bill will be brought up first.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. WHITTINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that today, at the conclusion of the legislative program and following any special orders heretofore entered, I may be permitted to address the House for 10 minutes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. MURDOCK asked and was given permission to extend his remarks in the RECORD on a bill on the Consent Calendar today.

Mr. NEELY asked and was given permission to extend his remarks in the RECORD and include an address recently delivered at San Francisco by John J. Parker.

Mr. CHIPERFIELD asked and was given permission to extend his remarks in the RECORD and include an article.

Mr. JUDD asked and was given permission to extend his remarks in the RECORD and include an editorial.

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. MONRONEY. Mr. Speaker, in line with the President's message that we received this morning regarding the very, very important matter of resolving the uncertainties of the line of Presidential succession, I would like to call the attention of the House to H. R. 3206. This bill was introduced by me on May 14. It provides for the line of succession to go through the Speaker of the House, as I believe most of the Members believe it should. There are very, very good and cogent reasons for this, namely, that the House is closest to the people and is the last expression of their opinion. Further, my bill provides for a special commission of 12 members, 4 to be appointed by the President, 4 by the Supreme Court, and 2 each from the House and the Senate, to study the many, many serious defects in our Constitution regarding the line of succession and for probable long-range correction of them.

It is a very important matter, because as the Constitution now stands there is no way and no power vested in Congress or in the courts to determine on the disability of the President of the United States, for example, or to determine when that disability is removed.

Many other uncertainties and defects need to be studied for long-range action and probable correction. This high-grade commission could complete the study on this matter and report back to the Congress for proper action.

But the immediate and pressing need is for action now on the second part of the bill, dealing with the line of Presidential succession. The Judiciary Committee of this House should immediately begin hearings on this important matter and give the Congress a chance to act before the summer recess.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. This is Consent Calendar day. The Clerk will call the first bill on the Consent Calendar.

CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2200) to revise, codify, and enact into positive law, title 18 of the United States Code,

entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

TO DISCONTINUE CERTAIN REPORTS NOW REQUIRED BY LAW

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. COLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, this bill provides for the discontinuance of certain reports which have been required of the executive branch of the Government by legislative action in the past. It has been on the calendar for some time. The reason it has not been allowed to pass is that we wanted to make certain that all members of the committees having jurisdiction over subject matters covered in this bill are aware of the existence of the bill and the reports which are proposed to be discontinued. Some time ago I assumed to write to all of the ranking minority members of the committees interested in this bill calling their attention to the provisions of the measure and received a reply from but one person, and that was the gentleman from South Dakota, who felt that the reports on Indian affairs should not be discontinued. I have relayed this information to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN], who is agreeable to having that provision of the bill on page 4, items 9 and 10, stricken from the bill; so, with that explanation, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the following reports or statements now required by law are hereby discontinued, and all acts or parts of acts herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such requirement:

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive department or other Government establishment at the seat of government not under an executive department as to the condition of the public business in said department or establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears (30 Stat. 316).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement of the work done, the status of each project undertaken, the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year, an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, including a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for new legislation amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216; 48 Stat. 995).

3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Secretary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Administration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the names of persons to whom payments were made during the preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

4. Report showing the names for whom work has been performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price charged for services, and the manner in which the money received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, etc., accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water rights of the United States in California, and to render a report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost of works in process of construction, as well as those which have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irrigation project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

9. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the fiscal affairs of all Indian tribes for whose benefit expenditures from either public or tribal funds were made (36 Stat. 1077).

10. Report of transactions under the revolving fund for loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations (48 Stat. 986).

11. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

12. Annual report of the operations of the Geological Survey (20 Stat. 395).

13. Statement showing amount expended from the appropriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey," for the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat. 487).

14. Report all temporary details to the District of Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

15. Report of all operations under section 5 of the act of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements (40 Stat. 1272).

16. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50 Stat. 919).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

17. Reports giving data relating to special statistical studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 533; 53 Stat. 581).

18. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person for whom work has been performed under authority of this statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him, (3) the price charged for these services by the Department of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND WAR

19. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments' operations under section 10 of the act entitled "An act to provide more effectively for the national defense by increasing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

20. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and fire control, under the act of March 27, 1934, as amended, relating to excess profits in connection with the construction of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505; 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

21. That part of the report required of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supplemental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other act requiring the names of the persons who approved the specifications, consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the contractor, and information in cases where such contract was awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat. 686; 56 Stat. 244).

22. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian life (56 Stat. 369).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

23. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouchers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

24. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for repairs to any one naval vessel for any 18 consecutive months (49 Stat. 482).

25. Report of all contracts entered into under authority of section 4 of the act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

26. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 286).

27. Report of the advance payments made to contractors under authority of section 1 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676).

28. Report of contracts entered into without competition under the authority of section 2 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

29. Report of the cost of special additional equipment and facilities to be borne by the Government under each contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

30. Report of the contracts entered into under authority of section 8 (b) of the act of June 28, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 680).

31. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval equipment (54 Stat. 681).

32. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value, including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without competitive bidding, a

statement of the reasons for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

33. Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of the act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

34. Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under the provisions of section 1 of the act of December 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

35. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aeronautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44 Stat. 787).

REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

36. The report covering data setting forth special contracts with railroad companies (39 Stat. 427).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the Department, including all commercial information contained in the official publications of other governments which he shall deem sufficiently important (sec. 208 of the Revised Statutes).

38. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem valuable for public information, specifying the names of any consuls or commercial agents who may have been remiss in transmitting commercial information (sec. 208 of the Revised Statutes).

39. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign places, returned to him quarterly by the collectors of customs (sec. 203 of the Revised Statutes).

40. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress, within 10 days after the commencement of each regular session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear by the protests of the masters to have taken place (sec. 207 of the Revised Statutes).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE TREASURY

41. That part of the annual report to the Congress required of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a summary of the state and condition of every national bank from which reports have been received the preceding year, at the several dates to which such reports refer, together with detailed information concerning its resources and liabilities; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5) the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its session" (sec. 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

42. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately (32 Stat. 138).

43. Report of officers and administrative departments and offices of the Government

delinquent in rendering or transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington, and such officers as were found upon final settlements of their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as amended).

44. Submission of reports which may be made to the Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the examination of the accounts of the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the application of the money appropriated for those departments for the preceding year (sec. 260 of the Revised Statutes).

45. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20 Stat. 167).

46. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

47. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec. 262 of the Revised Statutes).

48. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury of administration of the functions with which he is charged under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which report shall include the names and compensation of all persons employed under the provisions of that act (49 Stat. 977).

49. Report of the number of persons employed, other than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid to each, at each mint and assay office, out of appropriations made for wages of workmen, adjusters, and other employees (33 Stat. 657).

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60. Report to the Congress each month of the number of men in active training and service in the land forces under section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

61. Annual report at the beginning of each regular session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts and expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospital for the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156; 39 Stat. 309).

62. Annual report of the affairs of Howard University (45 Stat. 1021).

63. Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the superintendent and for teachers (sec. 4867 of the Revised Statutes).

REPORTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

64. Annual report to the Public Printer by the Superintendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat. 610).

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in keeping with the promise made by the gentleman from New York.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. COCHRAN: On page 4, line 1, strike out paragraphs 9 and 10, lines 1 through 7, inclusive.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be permitted to renumber the paragraphs in the bill just passed, in view of the fact that paragraphs 9 and 10 have been stricken out.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

HEALTH PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2716) to provide for health programs for Government employees.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

JUDGESHIP IN EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF MISSOURI

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 1196) to make permanent the judgeship provided for by the act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri," approved December 24, 1942.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SPRINGER, and Mr. JENNINGS objected.

GILA RECLAMATION PROJECT

The Clerk called the bill (S. 118) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands on the Gila reclamation project, Arizona, to the University of Arizona.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. COLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I think it may be worth while if the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. MURDOCK] would explain the purposes of this bill. As I understand it, this would authorize the reclamation service to transfer title to certain reclaimed land to the University of Arizona for the purpose of continuing experimental agricultural research activities. I understand that these activities have already been conducted by the university on the land covered by this bill for sometime past. I wonder why it is necessary for the university to have title to the land in order to continue this very worth-while project.

Mr. MURDOCK. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. The University of Arizona has been for a short time conducting the experimental work. This is a very fine type of work and should be continued. However, this is a piece of new land in the center of a new project. The university has not been conducting this particular work for any great length of time. Some buildings and fences and ditching and things of that sort by way of improvements will be needed. I feel in view of the fact that the Bureau of Reclamation has requested the University of Arizona to do this work and in view of the fact that a considerable outlay of money must be made by the university, title to the land should pass to the University of Arizona as has been done in the case of certain other experimental farms. This all looks toward long continuity of such service in the interest of science.

Mr. COLE of New York. Will the gentleman advise the House as to whether this is the first time the Bureau of Reclamation has turned over a portion of its land to any other public agency or authority for purposes such as this?

Mr. MURDOCK. I cannot advise the gentleman in that respect. This is a new farm and a new area. It is an area in which there will be a good deal of ex-

perimental work necessary in order to achieve the best results. I am very anxious that the experimental work be carried on either by the Bureau of Reclamation or by the University of Arizona. This piece of new land is one of a few large areas in the Southwest holding out great promise of benefits to war veterans.

Mr. COLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, having brought out the salient features of this bill by this brief discussion with the gentleman, I see no useful purpose in continuing under the reservation of objection, and if no Member desires to object, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a patent to issue conveying the west half southwest quarter, section 28, township 9 south, range 23 west, Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona, to the board of regents of the University of Arizona, for use by the University as an agricultural experimental farm; but in said patent there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits within said lands and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same and a perpetual right-of-way for ditches, canals, laterals, transmission lines, telephone lines, and roadway constructed by or under authority of the United States.

SEC. 2. The conveyance herein authorized shall be made upon the express condition that if the terms of the grant have not been complied with, the grant shall be held to be forfeited and the title shall revert to the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the facts and declare such forfeiture and such reversion and restore said land to the public domain, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OFFICERS' CORPS OF THE REGULAR ARMY

The Clerk called the bill (S. 804) to authorize certain additional appointments in the Officers' Corps of the Regular Army in initial grades not above the grade of captain.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. THOMAS of New Jersey, Mr. KILDAY, and Mr. LYLE objected.

AMENDING NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT

The Clerk called the bill (S. 612) to amend the National Defense Act, as amended, so as to eliminate provisions for retirement of wing commanders of the Air Corps.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the fourth sentence of section 4c of the act entitled "An act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes", approved June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 762), and as amended by the Act of May 12, 1939 (53 Stat. 740), and as amended by the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1116), is further amended to read as follows: "Any officer who shall have served four years as chief or assistant chief of a branch or as

commanding general of the General Headquarters Air Force and who may subsequently be retired, shall be retired with the rank, pay, and allowances authorized by law for the highest grade held by him as such chief, assistant chief, or commanding general: *Provided*, That this provision shall not reduce the rank, pay, or allowances with which such officer would otherwise be entitled to retire."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

READJUSTING FOURTH-CLASS MAIL RATE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 3238) readjusting the rates of postage on catalogs and similar printed advertising and other matter of fourth-class mail, and for other purposes.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

SHORE-LINE INVESTIGATIONS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2032) authorizing general shore-line investigations at Federal expense, and to repeal an act for the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States, approved June 26, 1936.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That in addition to participating in cooperative investigations and studies with agencies of the various States as authorized in section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Engineers, through the Beach Erosion Board, to make general investigations with a view to preventing erosion of the shores of the United States by waves and currents and determining the most suitable methods for the protection, restoration, and development of bathing beaches; and to publish from time to time such useful data and information concerning the erosion and protection of beaches and shore lines as the Board may deem to be of value to the people of the United States. The cost of the general investigations herein authorized shall be borne wholly by the United States. As used in this act, the word "shores" includes the shore lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

SEC. 2. All provisions of existing law relating to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement of rivers and harbors shall apply, insofar as practicable, to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement relating to shore protection; except that all projects having to do with shore protection shall be referred for consideration and recommendation to the Beach Erosion Board instead of to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

SEC. 3. The Beach Erosion Board, in making its report on any work or project relating to shore protection shall, in addition to any other matters upon which it may be required to report, state its opinion as to (a) the advisability of adopting the project; (b) what public interest, if any, is involved in the proposed improvement; and (c) what share of the expense, if any, should be borne by the United States.

SEC. 4. Any expenses incident and necessary in the undertaking of the investigations and studies authorized herein may be paid from funds hitherto or hereafter appropriated for examinations, surveys, and contingencies for rivers and harbors.

SEC. 5. The act of June 26, 1936 (Public No. 834, 74th Cong.), is hereby repealed.

With the following committee amendments:

On page 2, line 3, strike out "bathing."

Line 21, strike out "work or project relating to shore protection shall, in", after the word "any", and insert "cooperative investigation and studies under the provisions of section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, relating to shore-protection work shall, in."

Page 3, line 6, after the word "the", insert the word "general" and strike out the words "and studies" after the word "investigations."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDING UNITED STATES CODE

The Clerk called the next bill, H. R. 699, to amend paragraph 682 of title 16 of the United States Code.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That paragraph 682 of title 16 of the United States Code, 1940 edition (act of February 28, 1925, ch. 376, 43 Stat. 1091), be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the last sentence thereof.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOPS

The Clerk called the bill (S. 427) to repeal section 3 of the act approved April 13, 1938, as amended, relating to hops.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 3 of the act entitled "An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, by including hops as a commodity to which orders under such act are applicable," approved April 13, 1938, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 ed., Supp. III, title 7, sec. 608c-1), is hereby repealed.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND TO SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA., FOR HIGHWAY AND ORNAMENTAL PARK PURPOSES

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2285) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., certain lands of the United States in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., for highway purposes and for ornamental park purposes.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., upon the conditions and limitations hereinafter expressed, three parcels of land, hereinafter described, which are parts of the property encompassed by Eastern Regional Laboratory, Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, United States Department of Agriculture, parcel 1 and parcel 2 to be held and used by the township for highway pur-

June 20



79TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2504

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1945

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive
Departments

AN ACT

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following reports or statements now required by
4 law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts
5 herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or
6 statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such re-
7 quirement:

8 THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECU-
9 TIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

10 1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive
11 department or other Government establishment at the seat of

1 government not under an executive department as to the
2 condition of the public business in said department or
3 establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears
4 (30 Stat. 316).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6 2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails
7 required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first
8 Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement
9 of the work done, the status of each project undertaken,
10 the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the
11 expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year,
12 an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, in-
13 cluding a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel
14 expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for new legisla-
15 tion amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216;
16 48 Stat. 995).

17 3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Admin-
19 istration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the
20 names of persons to whom payments were made during the
21 preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

23 4. Report showing the names for whom work has been
24 performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price

1 charged for services, and the manner in which the money
2 received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

3 5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing
4 as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and
5 showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and
6 so forth, accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast
7 of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

8 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

9 6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water
10 works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake
11 watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water
12 rights of the United States in California, and to render a
13 report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

14 7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct
15 irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of
16 waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results
17 of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of
18 all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the
19 lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative
20 to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost
21 of works in process of construction, as well as those which
22 have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

23 8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irriga-
24 tion project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

1 9. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year
2 for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

3 10. Annual report of the operations of the Geological
4 Survey (20 Stat. 395).

5 11. Statement showing amount expended from the ap-
6 propriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey", for
7 the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat.
8 487).

9 12. Report all temporary details to the District of
10 Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during
11 each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

12 13. Report of all operations under section 5 of the Act
13 of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements
14 (40 Stat. 1272).

15 14. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures
16 under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50
17 Stat. 919).

18 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

19 15. Report giving data relating to special statistical
20 studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon
21 payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

22 16. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to
23 Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a
24 detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person
25 for whom work has been performed under authority of this

1 statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him,
2 (3) the price charged for these services by the Department
3 of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received
4 were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND
6 WAR

7 17. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments'
8 operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to
9 provide more effectively for the national defense by increas-
10 ing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other
11 purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

12 18. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or
13 the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions
14 on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equip-
15 ment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and
16 fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended,
17 relating to excess profits in connection with the construction
18 of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505;
19 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

20 19. That part of the report required of the Secretary
21 of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts
22 in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for
23 the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supple-
24 mental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other Act requir-
25 ing the names of the persons who approved the specifications,

1 consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of
2 any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all
3 persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the
4 contractor, and information in cases where such contract was
5 awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or
6 controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat.
7 686; 56 Stat. 244).

8 20. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the
9 Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian
10 life (56 Stat. 369).

11 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

12 21. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility
13 on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouch-
14 ers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

15 22. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for
16 repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive
17 months (49 Stat. 482).

18 23. Report of all contracts entered into under authority
19 of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing
20 the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction
21 of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

22 24. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken
23 from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 296).

24 25. Report of the advance payments made to contractors

1 under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54
2 Stat. 676).

3 26. Report of contracts entered into without competition
4 under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940
5 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

6 27. Report of the cost of special additional equipment
7 and facilities to be borne by the Government under each
8 contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act
9 of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

10 28. Report of the contracts entered into under authority
11 of section 8 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended
12 (54 Stat. 680).

13 29. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
14 mittees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Repre-
15 sentatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement
16 covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval
17 equipment (54 Stat. 681).

18 30. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value,
19 including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a
20 summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names
21 of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any
22 such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the
23 contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without

1 competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selec-
2 tion of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

3 31. Report every three months of the contracts entered
4 into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of
5 the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

6 32. Report every three months of the contracts entered
7 into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December
8 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

9 33. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aero-
10 nautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44
11 Stat. 787).

12 REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

13 34. The report covering data setting forth special con-
14 tracts with railroad companies (39 Stat 427).

15 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

16 35. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
17 Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such
18 changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other
19 nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports,
20 or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the
21 Department, including all commercial information contained
22 in the official publications of other governments which he
23 shall deem sufficiently important (section 208 of the Revised
24 Statutes).

25 36. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before

1 Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which
2 may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and
3 consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem
4 valuable for public information, specifying the names of
5 any consuls or commercial agents who may have been
6 remiss in transmitting commercial information (section 208
7 of the Revised Statutes).

8 37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
9 Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in
10 the United States from foreign places, returned to him quar-
11 ter yearly by the collectors of customs (section 208 of the
12 Revised Statutes).

13 38. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress,
14 within ten days after the commencement of each regular
15 session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns
16 made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different
17 ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an
18 account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear
19 by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section
20 207 of the Revised Statutes).

21 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

22 39. That part of the annual report to the Congress re-
23 quired of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a
24 summary of the state and condition of every national bank

1 from which reports have been received the preceding year,
2 at the several dates to which such reports refer, together
3 with detailed information concerning its resources and liabili-
4 ties; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business
5 has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments
6 to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the
7 resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized
8 under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5)
9 the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the
10 Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the
11 Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report
12 to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its
13 session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

14 40. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
15 sentatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the
16 Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each
17 year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately
18 (32 Stat. 138).

19 41. Report of officers and administrative departments
20 and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or
21 transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington,
22 and such officers as were found upon final settlements of
23 their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and

1 who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into
2 the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as
3 amended).

4 42. Submission of reports which may be made to the
5 Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the
6 examination of the accounts of the Department of War and
7 the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the
8 application of the money appropriated for those departments
9 for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

10 43. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the
11 Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures
12 in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up
13 and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the
14 accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20
15 Stat. 167).

16 44. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
17 to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above
18 of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents
19 at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts
20 lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

21 45. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of
22 the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the
23 head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the

1 Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and
2 repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec-
3 tion 262 of the Revised Statutes) .

4 46. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury
5 of administration of the functions with which he is charged
6 under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which
7 report shall include the names and compensation of all per-
8 sons employed under the provisions of that Act (49 Stat.
9 977) .

10 47. Report of the number of persons employed, other
11 than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid
12 to each, at each mint and assay office, out of appropriations
13 made for wages of workmen, adjusters, and other employees
14 (33 Stat. 657) .

15 48. An abstract, in tabular form, of the separate ac-
16 counts required to be kept of moneys received from internal
17 duties or taxes in each of the respective States, Territories,
18 and collection districts, and of the amount of each species of
19 duty and tax that shall accrue (sections 239 and 261 of
20 the Revised Statutes, as amended) .

21 49. Report, required of the Secretary of the Treasury
22 relative to leases of unoccupied and unproductive property
23 of the United States under his control, for the leasing of
24 which there is no authority under existing law (20 Stat.
25 383) .

1 50. Annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency
2 (32 Stat. 138).

3 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR

4 51. Report of all inspections made by the inspection
5 department of the Army as to the necessity, economy, and
6 propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers
7 of the Army; also whether the disbursing officers of the
8 Army comply with the law in keeping their accounts and
9 making their deposits (18 Stat. 33).

10 52. Statement of the cost of all types and experimental
11 manufacture of guns and other articles and the average cost
12 of the several classes of guns and the other articles manu-
13 factured by the Government (26 Stat. 320).

14 53. Report of the activities and expenditures of the
15 Council of National Defense (39 Stat. 650).

16 54. Statement of expenditures at the Springfield Armory,
17 Massachusetts, and the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, and
18 of arms, components of arms, and appendages fabricated,
19 altered, and repaired, during the fiscal year ended June 30
20 (26 Stat. 320).

21 55. A detailed report of sales of any war supplies,
22 material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing character of
23 articles sold, price received, and purpose for which sold (40
24 Stat. 850).

25 56. Hereafter the Secretary of War shall, within the

1 limits of appropriations made from time to time by Congress,
2 and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations ap-
3 proved by him upon the recommendation of the National
4 Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, in connection with
5 the promotion and encouragement of rifle practice, authorize
6 and provide for: Construction work, equipment, maintenance,
7 and operation of rifle ranges; issues of ordnance; sales of
8 arms, procurement of supplies; expenses of the National
9 Board; transportation of certain officials; procurement of
10 badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation of supplies,
11 and so forth. Full report of all things done hereunder to be
12 made annually to Congress (43 Stat. 510).

13 57. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
14 mittees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of
15 Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agree-
16 ment (not later than twenty-four hours after made), cover-
17 ing the exchange or other disposition of military equipment,
18 munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

19 58. Report to the Congress each month of the number
20 of men in active training and service in the land forces under
21 section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of
22 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

23 REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

24 59. Annual report at the beginning of each regular
25 session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of

1 Saint Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts and
2 expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospital for
3 the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156; 39
4 Stat. 309).

5 60. Annual report of the affairs of Howard University
6 (45 Stat. 1021).

7 61. Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any
8 appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for
9 the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the super-
10 intendent and for teachers (Sec. 4867 of the Revised
11 Statutes).

12 REPORTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

13 62. Annual report to the Public Printer by the Super-
14 intendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat.
15 610).

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 1945.

Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE,

Clerk.

By H. NEWLIN MEGILL.

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H. R. 2504

AN ACT

To discontinue certain reports now required
by law.

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1945
Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Expenditures in the Executive Departments

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SENATE

1. RATIONING; FOOD SUPPLY. Sen. Morse, Oreg., criticized OPA's order removing points from lamb in Western Oreg. and "OPA's maladministration" with regard to the Oreg. lamb-marketing situation, including communications on the subject (pp. 8179-81).
2. PRICE CONTROL; RATIONING. Received OPA's report for Mar. 1945. To Banking and Currency Committee. (p. 8141).
3. MISSOURI VALLEY AUTHORITY. Sen. Young, N.Dak., inserted Minot (N.Dak.) Assn. of Commerce and N.Dak. Stockmen's Assn. resolutions opposing the establishment of an MVA (p. 8142).
4. RECEIPTS; EXPENDITURES. Received Secretary of the Treasury's report for the fiscal year 1945, without the statistical data. To Finance Committee. (p. 8141.)
5. REPORTS. Expenditures in the Executive Departments Committee reported without amendment H.R. 2504, to discontinue certain reports now required by law (includes AAA, FS, and condition-of-work reports) (p. 8142).
6. FULL-EMPLOYMENT BUDGET. Sen. Murray, Mont., inserted a Birmingham, Ala. News-Age-Herald editorial favoring S. 380, the full-employment bill (pp. 8142-3).
7. UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. Continued debate on this charter (pp. 8144-78).

HOUSE

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8. ~~GRAZING~~. Sen. Taylor, Idaho, inserted a Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune article, "Grangeville Farmer Lures Cattle to Graze on Weeds which have Been Lightly Salted to Provide Flavor" (pp. A3907-8).
9. ~~COLUMBIA VALLEY AUTHORITY~~. Extension of remarks of Sen. Taylor, Idaho, favoring establishment of a CVA for the Northwest and including newspaper articles on the subject (pp. A3909-11).

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10. ~~PERSONNEL~~. CSC's War Service Regulation 18, reemployment benefits of transferred employees (p. 9205).

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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1945

(Legislative day of Monday, July 9, 1945)

The Senate met in executive session at 11 o'clock a. m., on the expiration of the recess.

Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., pastor of the Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, who art the light of all that is true, the strength of all that is good, and the glory of all that is beautiful, Thou knowest what the burden of our prayer is during these days. Inspire us with faith and boldness of adventure as we strive for peace on earth and good will among men.

May we have the courage to believe that all our longings are not mere sentimental emotions but divine inspirations for the God-ordained destiny of humanity. Give us the glad assurance that we are not following a forlorn hope, and that our minds have not been deceived by some elusive phantom and vague impossibility. Help us to feel that we have not been created and predestined for failure but for victory.

We humbly and fervently pray that the wills of men may be transformed and transfigured by Thy divine good will. Emancipate us from fears and suspicions. Temper our minds with those finer virtues of forbearance and forgiveness. Discipline our proud and complacent spirits. Create within us a capacity for friendship, and may we cultivate it. May the day be hastened when men and nations shall be organized into a league of friendly minds and hearts.

Hear us in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. BARKLEY, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the calendar day Tuesday, July 24, 1945, was

dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT— APPROVAL OF A BILL

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Miller, one of his secretaries, and he announced that on July 21, 1945, the President had approved and signed the following act (S. 512) for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Brooks.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, as in legislative session, the following business was transacted:

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following letters, which were referred as indicated:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

A report of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitted, pursuant to law, for the fiscal year 1945, without the statistical data; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON SPECIAL ASSISTANTS IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

A letter from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report showing the special assistants employed during the period from January 1 to June 30, 1945, under the appropriation "Compensation of special attorneys, etc., Department of Justice" (with an accompanying report); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

A letter from the Administrator of the Office of Price Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the thirteenth report of the Administration for the period ended March 31, 1945 (with an accompanying report); to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Letters from the executive officer of the Office of Defense Transportation and the

executive secretary of the Office of Scientific Research and Development transmitting, pursuant to law, personnel requirements for their respective offices for the quarter ending September 30, 1945 (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on Civil Service.

DISPOSITION OF AMERICAN FLAG FLOWN OVER BERLIN

A letter from the Chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corporation, transmitting information and correspondence relative to the disposition of the American flag flown over Berlin which was over the American Capitol when war was declared against Japan, Italy, and Germany (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on the Library.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following petitions and memorials, which were referred, as indicated:

A letter in the nature of a petition from George Latosian, of San Francisco, Calif., praying for the enactment of House bill 2346, the so-called seaman's bill of rights bill; to the Committee on Commerce.

A resolution adopted by Local 72, United Automobile-Aircraft-Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW-CIO), of Kenosha, Wis., favoring an amendment to the Social Security Act so as to provide credits for the period of service of persons in the armed forces; to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution adopted by the executive committee of the State camp of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America, Philadelphia, Pa., favoring the enactment of legislation to improve transportation facilities for servicemen; protesting against Communists serving as officers in the armed forces, and opposing release of war prisoners charged with treason; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The petition of James M. Bennett, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the enactment of legislation to authorize the Federal Loan Agency to set up proper facilities for the printing and issuing of 10,000,000 shares of a passenger bus transportation company to be

known as the GI transportation company; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

The petition of James M. Bennett, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the enactment of legislation to create a three-party political election system with an opportunity for independents to compete for competitive elective office; to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A resolution adopted by the congregation of the College Hill Presbyterian Church, of Beaver Falls, Pa., favoring the prompt ratification of the United Nations Charter; order to lie on the table.

RESOLUTIONS FROM NORTH DAKOTA PROTESTING AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSOURI VALLEY AUTHORITY

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to present for appropriate reference and to have printed in the RECORD resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the Minor Association of Commerce and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, both in the State of North Dakota, protesting against the enactment of legislation to establish a Missouri Valley Authority.

There being no objection, the resolutions were received, referred to the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee Hearing on S. 555, Known as the Murray Missouri Valley Authority Bill:

GENTLEMEN: The board of directors of the Minor Association of Commerce, Minot, N. Dak., at a regular meeting have reviewed the principles involved in the above-entitled Senate bill.

We wish to register the protest of this organization against the enactment of such a measure for the following reasons:

1. We believe that such a bill if it became a law would be an invasion of States' rights, and that North Dakota has every reason to preserve for itself such authoritative rights as will be helpful in the State's development under State leadership rather than under outside control.

2. The plans of this bill, in our judgment, will eventually make it imperative for the United States Government to go into business in the State of North Dakota and we are opposed to such entry into business by the Federal Government where it can be avoided.

3. We believe that a Government corporation as authorized by said bill with unlimited power and accountable only to the President is unnecessary for the proper development of the Missouri River Basin, and we further believe that the principles set forth in this bill are contrary to our democratic form of government.

4. We are fully aware, as you are, that other Federal agencies of reputable standing and of years of experience have long since been planning for the construction of such projects on the Missouri River as will properly care for flood control and give full protection to reclamation and other interests in the Missouri River Basin. We believe that the said agencies are fully competent under direction from Congress to administer such projects as may require Federal construction without the addition of a new Federal authority.

5. We believe that the plans for the development in the Missouri River Basin should be completed and ready for actual construction as soon as possible because this program, if ready for construction, will solve all postwar employment problems in the basin and at the same time furnish new opportunities for thousands of new farm homes for folks returning from the armed

services and that any plan like that suggested under the Missouri Valley Authority bill will delay, hinder, and probably stop for all time the full development of the water resources in the Missouri River Basin as proposed by the Corps of Army Engineers and by the Reclamation Bureau.

We trust these reasons may be helpful in letting you know what our viewpoint is. This resolution, including the above, was duly adopted by the board of directors of the Minor Association of Commerce, this 12th day of July 1945.

MINOT ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE.
ROBT. BRANDT.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association assembled at Dickinson, N. Dak., on May 19, 1945, for its annual meeting and representing more than 400 of the leading beef producers of the State of North Dakota hereby adopts the following resolution:

"Whereas the North Dakota Stockmen's Association is opposed to the establishment of a Missouri River Authority and is further opposed to the establishment of any bureau or commission by the Federal Government which has as its purpose the removal of the control of the use of the waters of the Missouri River Basin to an authority or other similar bureaus or commissions; and

"Whereas the ranchers of North Dakota object to the Murray bill as a whole and particularly that section which provides 'No dam, appurtenant works, etc., may be constructed, operated, or maintained over, across, along, in or into the Missouri River or any tributary stream of said river or any tributary of such stream, except in accordance with plans for construction, operation, and maintenance approved by corporation.' That under this law they would be unable to dam a creek to form a drinking pond for livestock or to flood hay meadows, nor would they have jurisdiction over any dry run or draw in the basin; and

"Whereas the membership of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association believes that the control and use of the waters of the Missouri River Basin should be under State law and in the hands of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Army Engineers as set forth in the flood control bill signed by the President on December 22, 1944, and the rivers and harbors bill signed by the President on March 2, 1945: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the North Dakota Stockmen's Association go on record as opposed to the Missouri Valley Authority as represented by the Murray bill and also as opposed to the establishment of any authorities, boards, bureaus, or commissions which will tend to jeopardize the right and power of the people of North Dakota to fully participate in the management and control of its river basin."

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law, reported it without amendment and submitted a report (No. 519) thereon.

BILLS INTRODUCED

Bills were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. GURNEY:

S. 1307. A bill to confirm the rights of the State of South Dakota in and to certain lands and the minerals therein; to the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 1308. A bill to amend article 6 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. McCARRAN:

S. 1309. A bill to incorporate the National Real Estate Foundation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PEPPER:

S. 1310. A bill for the relief of Saunders Wholesale, Inc.; and

S. 1311. A bill for the relief of the estate of Curtis Wilson; to the Committee on Claims.

S. 1312. A bill to correct the military record of Albert T. Lipford; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

(Mr. MORSE (for himself and Mr. CORDON) introduced Senate bill 1313, which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and appears under a separate heading.)

APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF AIR-TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Mr. MAGNUSON submitted the following concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25), which was referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress hereby expresses itself as approving expansion of the air-transportation system in the United States so that it will include not only the larger cities but also, through feeder-line service, the greatest practicable number of smaller cities and towns.

POSTWAR FULL EMPLOYMENT — EDITORIAL FROM BIRMINGHAM (ALA.) NEWS-AGE-HERALD

Mr. MURRAY. Mr. President, the end of the war in Europe, and our recent success in the Pacific, have led to increased discussion at home of the postwar problem of full employment.

There has been brought to my attention an editorial from the News-Age-Herald of Birmingham, Ala., dated July 1, 1945, which concerns itself with this major issue.

The editor asks: "If through action by Government, such national disaster as major depression can be avoided, should there not be such action?"

He then refers to S. 380, introduced by the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. O'MAHONEY], the Senator from New York [Mr. WAGNER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. THOMAS], and myself, pointing out that "The basic idea of the full employment bill now pending in Congress seems to be just that—that it is better to take preventive than remedial action, where it is feasible."

In view of the wide and growing interest in this problem, I ask unanimous consent to insert this editorial in the RECORD at this point, in connection with my remarks.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

FULL EMPLOYMENT

Is it possible for our American system of private enterprise at times to produce widespread unemployment? We know too well that it is.

If, through action by Government, such national disasters as major depression can be avoided, should there not be such action?

Not many Americans would, in our opinion, say no. In a sense, the question is rather beside the point. For the only uncertainty in any case would have to do with the timing of the Government's action. Do we not all know that a great depression inevitably compels widespread Federal action?

We know what was necessary in the early thirties. So we may be assured there is going

DISCONTINUING CERTAIN REPORTS NOW REQUIRED
BY LAW

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 9), 1945.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2504]

The Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

It is the purpose of the bill to authorize the discontinuance of 64 reports or statements now required by law of the various departments and agencies in the executive branch of the Government and to repeal the acts, or parts of acts, requiring the submission of such reports or statements to the extent of such requirement.

At the present time there are approximately 330 statutory provisions requiring the preparation and submission to the Congress by the departments and agencies in the executive branch of various monthly, quarterly, or annual reports. Usually each statutory provision is applicable to only 1 department or agency, but in some cases the provision is applicable to all of the executive departments and agencies. House Document 17 of the Seventy-ninth Congress itemizes these reports. In the main, the reports show the expenditures made, the appropriations chargeable, and related data but do not contain any definite information that would be enlightening in any way to one who examined the reports. The reports are submitted to the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, and most of them are referred in manuscript form to committees.

It is the natural tendency of the Congress in enacting laws establishing a new agency or expanding the functions of an existing agency to require periodic submission of reports of activities under such laws as a means of keeping itself informed with respect to such activities. These reports, however, after several years of operation under the new law, often become of relatively small value.

The proposal contained in the bill H. R. 2504 is of the same character as the act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 986), which repealed 128 provisions of law requiring the preparation and submission of reports to the Congress.

A majority of the reports enumerated in the bill H. R. 2504 have been largely or completely outmoded because of the establishment of other reporting procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, or due to the transfer or discontinuance of activities to which the statutory provisions relate.

Any information which the Congress may desire can be supplied upon its request or the request of the respective committees of the House or Senate, and in the form desired at the time for the particular purpose.

In view of the fact that, as a means of conserving printing funds, the majority of the listed reports are sent to committees and are not printed, and since it has been indicated in the House consideration of a predecessor bill of this character that little if any use has then been made of these unprinted reports, it would appear that their discontinuance would not adversely affect the business of the Congress.

It would further appear that the provisions of H. R. 2504 are in the interest of conserving manpower, materials, space, and Government funds, and would not result in any detriment to the public service.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, ITEM BY ITEM, IN THE ORDER OF
THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE BILL

Item No. 1.—Quarterly report to the President, required by Appropriation Act of March 15, 1898 (30 Stat. 316), of executive departments, or other Government establishments at the seat of government not under an executive department, as to the condition of public business therein and whether any branch thereof is in arrears.

With the growth of the Government and the fiscal and policy procedures that have been established since 1898, which keep the President informed of activities in the various agencies, and the fact that the President may call upon any department or agency at any time for information which he may desire, there is no need for the continuance of this statutory requirement. As a matter of fact, with but few exceptions the departments and agencies are not cognizant of, and do not submit, reports as prescribed by the 1898 statute.

Item No. 2.—Report of work status of projects on forest roads and trails, the allocation of appropriations, expenditures, and receipts, names of employees and their duties, salaries, etc., required by legislative enactment of November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 216; 48 Stat. 995).

The Department of Agriculture pointed out that a conservative estimate of the time spent in the compilation and typing of this report in the Washington office alone was approximately 1,175 man-hours; that the cost of making the report, including the photographic expenses, was \$1,588; that in addition at least an equal amount of time and money is expended by the regional and field offices in gathering the data needed; that the Federal Works Agency also submits reports to Congress relative to work done under the Federal Highway Act, and that it is believed that the repeal of this statutory provision would not deprive either the Congress or the taxpayers of essential

information, especially since such information will be, as it has been in the past, included in the annual reports of these agencies. It appears, therefore, that the preparation of this separate report serves but little purpose and certainly does not justify the expenditures involved.

Item No. 3.—Report by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Congress, required by legislative enactment of February 16, 1938 (52 Stat. 68), showing the names of persons receiving Agricultural Adjustment Agency payments in excess of \$1,000.

The Department points out that the accumulation of material for preparation of this report involves a review of each application for payment submitted during the year and the preparation of a summary card for each producer who received in excess of \$1,000. Each year these cards are transmitted from each State to a centrally located office of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, where they are arranged alphabetically, tabulated, and used in the formulation of this voluminous report. The Department of Agriculture has expressed the opinion that the report is of no benefit insofar as its operations are concerned, and that the preparation of the report each year costs approximately \$25,000.

Item No. 4.—Report by the Secretary of Commerce, required by act of May 27, 1935 (49 Stat. 292), showing the names of persons for whom work has been performed, nature and price of service, and the disposition of moneys received therefor.

This information is available at all times through the medium of fiscal reports prepared to meet the requirements of the Treasurer of the United States and the General Accounting Office, and there appears to be no need for compilation in the special form required by the above-mentioned statute.

Item No. 5.—Report required of the Coast and Geodetic Survey by legislative enactment of March 3, 1853 (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes), showing certain information and charts respecting the coasts of the United States.

The information contained in this special report involves, in fact, a duplication of information shown in the annual report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Item No. 6.—Report required of the Secretary of the Interior by legislative enactment of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1975), respecting his investigation of certain dams, waterworks, or other projects constructed in the Clear Lake watershed, in the State of California.

This involves, in fact, the issuance of only a single as distinguished from a recurring report. A single report, however, is not forthcoming for the reason that the investigation has not been initiated, due to the fact that the irrigation districts have declined to enter into contracts to repay the costs of such an investigation.

Item No. 7.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior respecting the feasibility and costs of irrigation projects, required by legislative enactment of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388).

The report required has, in fact, been discontinued for the past several years, although the statutory provision has not been repealed.

Item No. 8.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of all moneys expended on each irrigation project, required by appropriation act of April 4, 1910 (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 533).

Item No. 9.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of the fiscal affairs of Indian tribes for whose benefit expenditures from public or tribal funds were made, required by appropriation act of March 3, 1911 (36 Stat. 1077).

Item No. 10.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of transactions under the receiving fund for loans to Indians and Indian-chartered corporations, required by legislative enactment of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986).

Item No. 11.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of expenditures made for the relief of destitute natives of Alaska, now required by Appropriation Act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 584).

Item No. 12.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of the operation of the Geological Survey, required by appropriation act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 395).

Item No. 13.—Report of amounts expended from the appropriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey," for the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees, required by appropriation act of May 10, 1926 (44 Stat. 487).

Item No. 14.—Report by the Secretary of the Interior of field employees temporarily detailed to the District of Columbia, required by appropriation act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 603).

Item No. 15.—Report of all operations under section 5 of the act of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1919 (40 Stat. 1272).

Item No. 16.—Report of projects undertaken and expenditures made in connection with Federal aid to wildlife restoration, required by legislative enactment of September 2, 1937 (50 Stat. 919).

The information contained in each of the reports required under items 8 to 16, both inclusive, is of a fiscal character and is therefore shown in the accounting reports required by the Treasury Department and the General Accounting Office. The preparation of the special reports required by these statutes requires a special compilation but is, in fact, a duplication for the most part of information contained either in the Budget estimates or annual reports of the respective bureaus of the Department. Information on any of the subjects above indicated can be readily compiled on short notice, should a need arise for such information.

Item No. 17.—The report required of the Secretary of Labor by legislative enactment of April 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581), giving data relating to special statistical studies made by the Labor Department for others upon payment of the cost thereof.

Item No. 18.—Report by the Secretary of Labor showing the names of persons for whom work has been performed, nature and price of service, and the disposition of moneys received therefor.

The reports called for in items 17 and 18 concern rather small and incidental activities of the Department, and since the information contained in the reports is available in a different form in the estimates of appropriations submitted to the Congress and in financial reports of the Department, there appears to be no reason why these two reports should not be eliminated.

Item No. 19.—Report of the Navy and War Departments' operations in the purchase of aircraft, the names and addresses of the contractors, prices paid, etc., required by legislative enactment of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 787).

These reports include the number of airplanes contracted for under the statute, the names and addresses of the contractors, as well as others who competed in the bidding; the prices paid for aircraft, and the reasons for awarding the contracts to the successful bidders. At the time of enactment of this statute (1926) the aircraft industry needed encouragement so far as expansion and development were concerned. Likewise, it was desirable that aircraft producers be afforded as nearly equal opportunities as possible in obtaining contracts from the Government for the production of aircraft. The number of aircraft then authorized was extremely limited, and preparation of the reports was not unduly burdensome. However, under emergency and wartime conditions all aircraft production facilities of the country are being utilized. The volume of aircraft and aircraft accessory procurement has increased to such enormous proportions that preparation of the report is extremely burdensome and consumes a great deal of manpower. The nature of the report is such that for national security reasons certain parts thereof should not be made public.

The compilation of this information by the Navy alone consumes approximately 300 man-hours annually, and upon completion is insufficient for a satisfactory audit of any single transaction.

Item No. 20.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy (or the Secretary of War, as the case may be) by legislative enactments of June 25, 1936, and April 3, 1939 (48 Stat. 505; 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560), of exemptions on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and fire control.

Due to the fact that this equipment is of a scientific and technical nature, frequent exemptions of contractors and subcontractors from the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1934 have been necessary in order to obtain production of the equipment in the quantities and at the times required by emergency and wartime conditions. Whenever such exemptions are made, the statute requires a report of the names of the contractors and subcontractors "together with the applicable contracts and the amounts thereof" to the Congress. Disclosure of such vital information to enemy agents necessarily would be detrimental and damaging to the United States. The information contained in the reports can be obtained by the Congress readily upon application, and under such conditions that the danger of disclosure is not present. It is believed, therefore, that the report can be dispensed with without injury to the public service or without depriving the Congress of needed and useful information.

Item No. 21.—Reports required of the Secretaries of War and Navy, by appropriation act of August 25, 1941 (55 Stat. 686; 56 Stat. 244), showing the names of those who, on behalf of the Government and the contractors, participated in negotiating contracts, and the reason for selecting the contractor in cases where contracts are awarded without competitive bidding.

The statute requires that there be submitted to the Congress within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year a complete list of all contracts in excess of \$150,000, including contracts for the purchase of land, which were undertaken during such fiscal year, the report showing (1) a statement of the subject matter of each contract; (2) the names of the contractors; (3) the names of the persons who approved the

specifications, consummated the making, or concluded the negotiation of any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the contractor; (4) if any such contract was awarded without competitive bidding, a statement of the principal or controlling reason for the selection of the contractor; and (5) as to contracts for the purchase of land, the location, area, intended use, the purchase price, and the assessed value thereof.

This report is extremely burdensome to the War Department. Its report for the fiscal year 1943 comprised approximately 1,800 pages and involved 19,000 purchase actions. For 1944 the report is of approximately the same proportions. Due to its voluminous nature, the value of the report for reference purposes is considered doubtful. All of the information embodied in the report is currently available to Congress upon request. Preparation of the report requires a great deal of time and attention on the part of War Department personnel. Discontinuance of the report would effect an important saving in man-hours involved in typing, checking, reproducing, and assembling the various elements of the report.

In the Navy this report consumes approximately 3,500 man-hours annually for its preparation, and the most recent report contained 290 closely printed pages with supplements aggregating 3,171 pages and listed approximately 22,720 contracts. The report is so voluminous that it would appear that its value for reference or informational purposes is nil.

All of the contracts covered are audited by the General Accounting Office and any information desired can be obtained from the War and Navy Departments.

Item No. 22.—Reports by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy of persons commissioned from civilian life, required by legislative enactment of June 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 369).

At the present time preparation of this report in the War Department is not particularly burdensome, but its discontinuance is believed to be in the public interest because its usefulness to Congress is considered doubtful.

In the Navy Department applications are currently being received at the rate of 900 each month. Approximately 600 of these applicants receive commissions and the forms for these approved applicants are forwarded as the report. In addition to the expense involved in the preparation and distribution of the necessary forms and in their completion and typing, the time involved in preparing the report amounts to approximately 415 man-hours per month or approximately 5,000 man-hours annually. The information contained in the report duplicates information maintained in the files of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, which is available, and in greater detail, to the Congress. In the past this report has required the use of a motor vehicle to transport it to the Congress. It is understood that usually this report has been stored in a vault from which it has not been removed for inspection or use.

Item No. 23.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy by Appropriation Act of July 11, 1919 (41 Stat. 132), of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouchers, etc.

The making of this report was discontinued some years ago. The subject information duplicates information furnished the Comptroller General for action under the statutory authority.

Item No. 24.—Report by the Secretary of the Navy, required by legislative enactment of July 18, 1935 (48 Stat. 482), of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for repairs to any one naval vessel for any 18 consecutive months.

This report has never been made because of the nonexistence of the factual situation upon which it is predicated. The requirement of report is considered obsolete in view of subsequent legislation waiving the substantive provisions of law.

Item No. 25.—Report required of the Secretary of the Navy by legislative enactment of April 25, 1939 (53 Stat. 590), of all contracts involving the construction of certain public works.

The report is believed to be of little practical value because the information contained therein is covered, more fully and more currently, in the monthly report of contract awards issued by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. Furthermore, the information is available, and in more detail, upon request by the Congress.

Item No. 26.—Report by the Secretary of the Navy of vessels whose names have been stricken from the Navy Register, required by appropriation act of August 5, 1882 (22 Stat. 296).

Records do not indicate that this report has been made to Congress for many years. However, the information is contained in a monthly report submitted by the Chief of Naval Operations to the General Accounting Office.

Item No. 27.—Report of the advance payments made to contractors under authority of section 1 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676).

Executive Order 9001 under the First War Powers Act of December 18, 1941, authorized the Navy to enter into contracts and to make advance payments thereon of any percentage of the contract price without regard to preexisting provisions of law. Inasmuch as all advance payments are now made under the authority of the President's Executive Order 9001 rather than under the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676), there no longer exists the necessity for this report.

Item No. 28.—Report of contracts entered into without competition under the authority of section 2 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

Item No. 29.—Report of the cost of special additional equipment and facilities to be borne by the Government under each contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

Item No. 30.—Report of the contracts entered into under authority of section 8 (b) of the act of June 28, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 680).

The reports under items 28, 29, and 30 relate to operations under different sections of the same statute, and have been superseded by item 21. The information is substantially the same as that given in item 21 and the time required for preparation would be virtually the same (i. e., 3,500 man-hours annually).

Item No. 31.—Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval equipment, as required by section 14 (b) of the act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 681).

This requirement is obsolete and the need for a report unnecessary in view of subsequent congressional action on this same subject matter. (For example, the act of October 3, 1944, Public Law 457, 78th Cong., as well as regulations of the Surplus Property Board.)

Item No. 32.—List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value, including contracts for the purchase of land (55 Stat. 686).

Item No. 33.—Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under authority, title III, Priorities Powers, section 2 of the act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

Item No. 34.—Report every 3 months of the contracts entered into under the provisions of section 1 of the act of December 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

The reports referred to in items 32, 33, and 34 deal with the same subject matter as that covered by item 21, and have been superseded by that report.

Item No. 35.—Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aeronautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department as required under section 10 of the act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 787).

This report is practically identical to that report mentioned in item 19.

Item No. 36.—The report covering data setting forth special contracts with railroad companies (39 Stat. L. 427).

The Post Office Department, in recommending the discontinuance of this report, pointed out that the information contained in the report was no longer of value since the weight basis of pay was superseded by the space basis, and the rates for postal service are now fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Item No. 37.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of August 16, 1842 (5 Stat. 507), of all changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether effected by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations.

Item No. 38.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of August 18, 1856 (11 Stat. 139), of a synopsis of certain information communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers.

The State Department points out that the Department of Commerce has for many years been charged with the publication and dissemination of commercial information along the lines required under items 37 and 38 received from American Foreign Service officers abroad, and that the statutory provisions of these two items should be repealed.

Item No. 39.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489), of the lists of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign places.

The State Department points out that this item involves information coming within the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, and should either be eliminated or modified.

Item No. 40.—Report by the Secretary of State, required by legislative enactment of March 2, 1799 (1 Stat. 731), abstracting returns made to him by collectors of ports, of the seamen registered by them.

The State Department points out that in recent years the amount collected in fees by Foreign Service officers has been included in the annual Budget Messages of the President to Congress, and that the continuance of a separate report, as required by the above statutory provision, represents a duplication of information on the same subject.

Item No. 41.—That part of the annual report to the Congress required of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (18 Stat. 317).

Item No. 42.—Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately (32 Stat. 138).

Item No. 52.—Annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency (32 Stat. 138).

The Treasury Department, in recommending that the reports required by items 41, 42, and 52, pointed out that such repeal would permit the Comptroller of the Currency to exercise discretion with respect to the date and contents of his annual report to the Congress; that this would be in accordance with existing statutory requirements respecting the annual reports of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Item No. 43.—Report of officers and administrative departments and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington (28 Stat. 209; 29 Stat. 179).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this item, pointed out that the Comptroller General, under existing law, annually reports to Congress any delinquency in the rendition of accounts by disbursing officers; that personnel ledger accounts of disbursing officers were transferred from the Treasury Department to the General Accounting Office by the provisions of the Budget and Accounting Act of June 10, 1921.

Item No. 44.—Submission of reports which may be made to the Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the examination of the accounts of the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the application of the money appropriated for those departments for the preceding year (sec. 260 of the Revised Statutes).

Item No. 45.—Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures in the naval service under each appropriation (20 Stat. 167).

Item No. 46.—Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents at the close of each fiscal year (20 Stat. 167).

The Treasury Department, in recommending the repeal of the provisions of law set forth in items 44, 45, and 46, pointed out that the requirements for these reports were affected by the Budget and Accounting Act of June 10, 1921, which transferred to the General Accounting Office the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury and the six auditors, and that the Secretary of the Treasury is no longer in a position to make such reports to the Congress.

Item No. 47.—Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the Department (sec. 262 of the Revised Statutes).

The Treasury Department points out that it is of the opinion that the requirements of the above provision of law, although carried in the United States Code as *prima facie* law, were repealed by the act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 986), which discontinued reports and statements required by law to be made to Congress of "Statement of

expenditures from contingent appropriations," and that such matters in addition are included in the Department's report to the Budget.

Item No. 48.—Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury of administration of the functions with which he is charged under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (49 Stat. 977).

The Treasury Department points out that the act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1964), which repealed several provisions of the "Federal Alcohol Administration Act" of August 29, 1935, and established a new administration as an independent agency, was to be effected when the new administrators authorized thereby were appointed; that although such officers were never appointed, and the repeal did not become effected, many of the subsections of the act were omitted from the United States Code in view of the adoption of the Reorganization Plan No. 3, which abolished the Administration and transferred its functions to the Treasury to be administered through the Bureau of Internal Revenue; thus the information required by the above-mentioned statutes is included in the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Item No. 49.—Report of the number of persons employed, other than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid to each, at each mint and assay office (33 Stat. 657).

The Treasury Department, in recommending the repeal of this provision of law, pointed out that the information required is submitted to and included in the annual budget in accordance with the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921.

Item No. 50.—An abstract, in tabular form of the separate accounts required to be kept of moneys received from internal duties or taxes in each of the respective States, Territories, and collection districts (18 Stat. 317).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this provision of law, indicated that any of such information which may be useful to the Congress is no doubt included in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of finances, the combined statement of receipts and expenditures, and the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Item No. 51.—Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to leases of unoccupied and unproductive property of the United States under his control, for the leasing of which there is no authority under existing law (20 Stat. 383).

The Treasury Department, in recommending repeal of this provision, states that it has had no occasion in many years to lease unoccupied or unproductive property of the United States.

Item No. 53.—Report required of the Secretary of War by legislative enactment of April 20, 1874 (18 Stat. 33), relative to inspections made as to the necessity, economy, and propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army.

This report involves the expenditure of considerable time and attention in assembling and tabulating the details. Since practically all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army are supervised and audited by the General Accounting Office, it is believed that the report to the Congress may be discontinued without affecting the public interest or the efficiency and economy of expenditure of public funds. No estimate of the man-hours consumed in the preparation of this report is presently available, but such information will be furnished subsequently, if possible.

Item No. 54.—Report by the Secretary of War, required by Appropriation Act of August 18, 1890 (26 Stat. 320), as to the cost of certain types and classes of guns manufactured by the Government.

Item No. 55.—Report of the activities and expenditures of the Council of National Defense (39 Stat. 650).

This report relates to the activities and expenditures of the Council of National Defense created by the act of August 29, 1916. Most of the activities of the Council are now being carried out by the Office of Scientific Research and Development established in the Office for Emergency Management by Executive Order No. 8807 of June 28, 1941. Accordingly, it is believed that the requirement for a report may be dispensed with without depriving Congress of any needed or useful information.

Item No. 56.—Report by the Secretary of War, required by appropriation act of August 18, 1890 (26 Stat. 320), of expenditures at certain arsenals, and of arms, etc., fabricated, repaired, etc., during the fiscal year.

The statutes requiring these reports (items 54 and 56) were enacted during the last century when practically all guns and other ordnance materials used by the United States were produced in Government-owned installations. These plants, however, now produce a very small percentage of all ordnance matériel used by the War Department, estimated to be less than 5 percent. Accordingly, the reports no longer reflect anything except a very small proportion of total ordnance production. These plants are considered somewhat the same as privately owned and operated ordnance plants when contracts for this matériel are in process of being awarded. Estimates are procured from the arsenals and production orders given accordingly. Elimination of the reports will not result in discontinuance of the keeping of accurate and complete cost-accounting records. Assembling the data and compiling the reports are extremely burdensome. The Rock Island Arsenal estimates that its annual report for the past fiscal year required the consumption of 6,000 man-hours in its assembling and preparation. Figures from the other four arsenals and one armory are not available at the present time, but will be furnished later, if possible.

These reports are of no use to the War Department and are considered of very limited usefulness to the Congress, since complete reports on procurement are otherwise made to the Congress and the production in the arsenals represents such a small proportion of the total ordnance production. Elimination of the report, therefore, would not, in the opinion of the War Department, deprive the Congress of any information of value or usefulness to it.

Item No. 57.—A detailed report of sales of any war supplies, material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing character of articles sold, price received, and purpose for which sold (40 Stat. 850).

This statute relates to a report of the sales of any war supplies, material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing the character of articles sold, prices received, and the purpose for which sold. In view of the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, it is believed that this report properly should be discontinued.

Item No. 58.—Hereafter the Secretary of War shall, within the limits of appropriations made from time to time by Congress, and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations approved by him

upon the recommendation of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, in connection with the promotion and encouragement of rifle practice, authorize and provide for: Construction work, equipment, maintenance and operation of rifle ranges; issues of ordnance; sales of arms, procurement of supplies; expenses of the National Board; transportation of certain officials; procurement of badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation of supplies, and so forth. Full report of all things done hereunder to be made annually to Congress (43 Stat. 510).

Paragraph 58 relates to the statutory requirement for a full report of all things done relating to the activities of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. While the activities of this Board during wartime necessarily have been curtailed and limited and preparation of the report does not at present involve the expenditure of any considerable number of man-hours, any unnecessary use of manpower during present critical conditions seems to be unwarranted.

Item No. 59.—Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement (not later than 24 hours after made), covering the exchange or other disposition of military equipment, munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

In view of the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, and the fact that the method of disposing of property and supplies no longer needed by the War Department is regulated and governed thereunder, the usefulness of this report to the Congress seems extremely doubtful. Its discontinuance would not, in the opinion of this Department, deprive the Congress of any useful or needed information.

Item No. 60.—Report to the Congress each month of the number of men in active training and service in the land forces under section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

At the time of enactment of this requirement, the number of selectees to be inducted into the Army was limited to 900,000. It is believed, that submission of the report was required largely for the purpose of assuring Congress that the limitation was not exceeded. Wartime conditions have required expansion of this number many times. Since enactment of the measure, conditions have so changed that the report, without exhaustive and painstaking investigation, is not sufficiently accurate to be really informative concerning the strength of the armed forces. Following enactment of the act, many enlistments in the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard occurred. The War Department has no control over such matters, nor does it have accurate and detailed information concerning the selectees serving in the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Figures submitted in the report have been estimated for the past year or more and are subject to considerable inaccuracy and error. Determining each month the exact number of selectees in active training and service would involve a tremendous expenditure of time and energy and would be, in the opinion of this Department, unwarranted by the little practical use that could be made of those figures when obtained.

Item No. 61.—Reports by the Superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital of receipts and expenditures in connection with operation of the hospital, required by appropriation act of June 4, 1880 (21 Stat. 156; 39 Stat. 309).

In view of the Federal accounting methods and controls now in use, there seems to be no purpose which the report can serve at the present time.

Item No. 62.—Annual report of the affairs of Howard University (45 Stat. 1021).

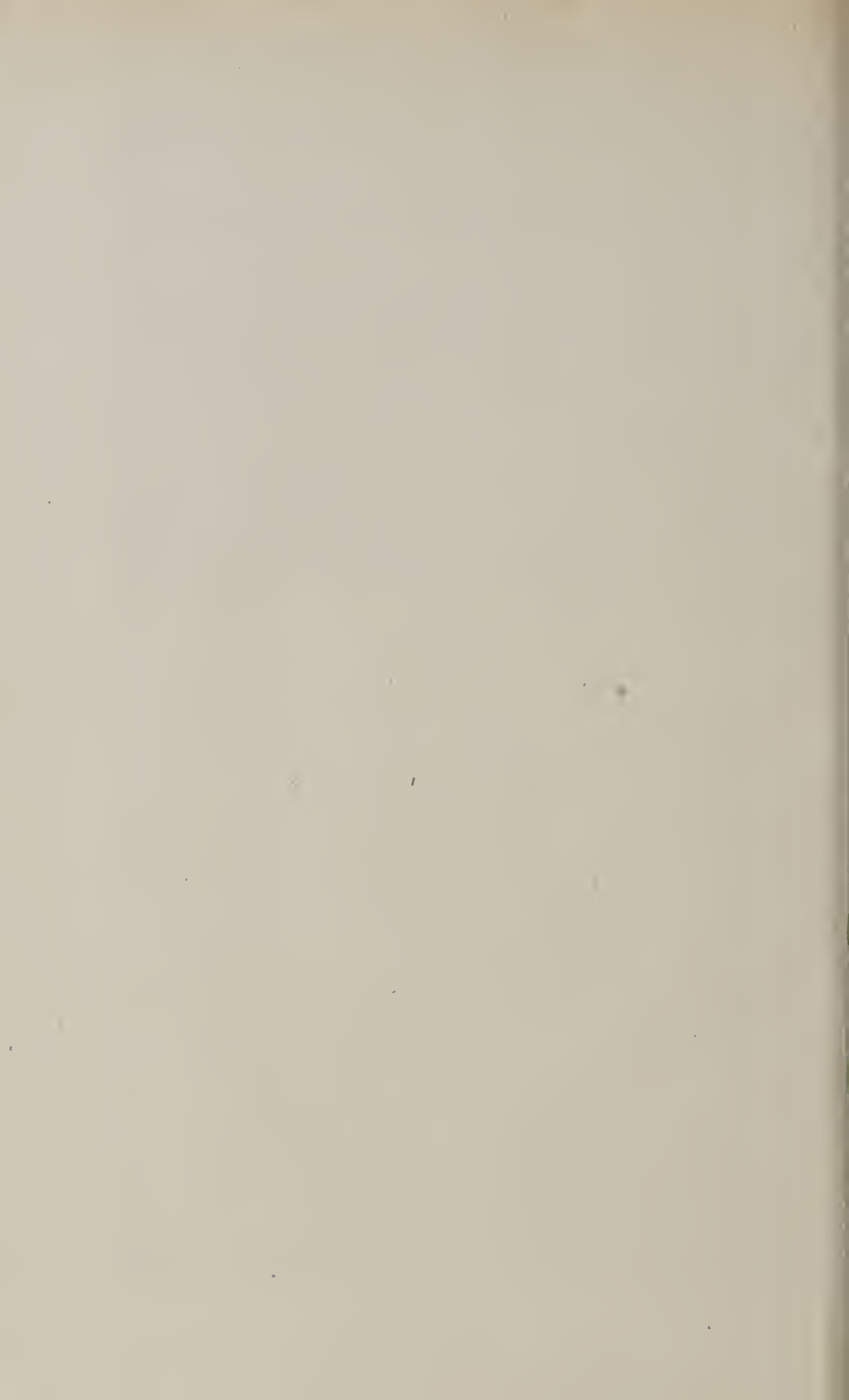
Item No. 63.—Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the superintendent and for teachers (R. S. 4867).

The Federal Security Agency, in recommending the repeal of the statutory provisions set forth in items 62 and 63, pointed out that the material in these reports is either included in other reports to the Congress made by the constituent units of the Federal Security Agency or is available in the printed Budget, and that the elimination of these statutory requirements would make the duplication of this material unnecessary.

Item No. 64.—Annual report to the Public Printer by the Superintendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat. 610).

The Government Printing Office, in recommending the repeal of this statutory provision, points out that the report involves the compilation of the record of sales of more than 60,000 titles at an annual cost of approximately \$20,000, and that other records provide all the other information necessary for the accounting of the proceeds of sales.





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[Report No. 519]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive
Departments

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 9), 1945

Reported by Mr. HILL, without amendment

AN ACT

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following reports or statements now required by
4 law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts
5 herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or
6 statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such re-
7 quirement:

8 THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECU-
9 TIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE PRESIDENT

10 1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive
11 department or other Government establishment at the seat of

1 government not under an executive department as to the
2 condition of the public business in said department or
3 establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears
4 (30 Stat. 316).

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6 2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails
7 required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first
8 Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement
9 of the work done, the status of each project undertaken,
10 the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the
11 expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year,
12 an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, in-
13 cluding a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel
14 expenses, and his recommendations, if any; for new legisla-
15 tion amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216;
16 48 Stat. 995).

17 3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Admin-
19 istration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the
20 names of persons to whom payments were made during the
21 preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

22 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

23 4. Report showing the names for whom work has been
24 performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price

1 charged for services, and the manner in which the money
2 received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

3 5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing
4 as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and
5 showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and
6 so forth, accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast
7 of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

8 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

9 6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water
10 works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake
11 watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water
12 rights of the United States in California, and to render a
13 report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

14 7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct
15 irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of
16 waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results
17 of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of
18 all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the
19 lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative
20 to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost
21 of works in process of construction, as well as those which
22 have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

23 8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irriga-
24 tion project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

1 9. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year
2 for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

3 10. Annual report of the operations of the Geological
4 Survey (20 Stat. 395).

5 11. Statement showing amount expended from the ap-
6 propriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey", for
7 the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat.
8 487).

9 12. Report all temporary details to the District of
10 Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during
11 each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

12 13. Report of all operations under section 5 of the Act
13 of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements
14 (40 Stat. 1272).

15 14. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures
16 under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50
17 Stat. 919).

18 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

19 15. Report giving data relating to special statistical
20 studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon
21 payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

22 16. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to
23 Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a
24 detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person
25 for whom work has been performed under authority of this

1 statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him,
2 (3) the price charged for these services by the Department
3 of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received
4 were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259)

5 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND
6 WAR

7 17. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments'
8 operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to
9 provide more effectively for the national defense by increas-
10 ing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other
11 purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

12 18. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or
13 the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions
14 on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equip-
15 ment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and
16 fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended,
17 relating to excess profits in connection with the construction
18 of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505;
19 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

20 19. That part of the report required of the Secretary
21 of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts
22 in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for
23 the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supple-
24 mental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other Act requir-
25 ing the names of the persons who approved the specifications,

1 consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of
2 any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all
3 persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the
4 contractor, and information in cases where such contract was
5 awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or
6 controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat.
7 686; 56 Stat. 244).

8 20. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the
9 Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian
10 life (56 Stat. 369).

11 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

12 21. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility
13 on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouch-
14 ers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

15 22. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for
16 repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive
17 months (49 Stat. 482).

18 23. Report of all contracts entered into under authority
19 of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing
20 the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction
21 of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

22 24. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken
23 from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 296).

24 25. Report of the advance payments made to contractors

1 under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54
2 Stat. 676).

3 26. Report of contracts entered into without competition
4 under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940
5 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

6 27. Report of the cost of special additional equipment
7 and facilities to be borne by the Government under each
8 contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act
9 of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

10 28. Report of the contracts entered into under authority
11 of section 8 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended
12 (54 Stat. 680).

13 29. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
14 mittees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Repre-
15 sentatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement
16 covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval
17 equipment (54 Stat. 681).

18 30. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value,
19 including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a
20 summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names
21 of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any
22 such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the
23 contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without

1 competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selec-
 2 tion of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

3 31. Report every three months of the contracts entered
 4 into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of
 5 the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

6 32. Report every three months of the contracts entered
 7 into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December
 8 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

9 33. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aero-
 10 nautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44
 11 Stat. 787).

12 REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

13 34. The report covering data setting forth special con-
 14 tracts with railroad companies (39 Stat 427).

15 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

16 35. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
 17 Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such
 18 changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other
 19 nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports,
 20 or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the
 21 Department, including all commercial information contained
 22 in the official publications of other governments which he
 23 shall deem sufficiently important (section 208 of the Revised
 24 Statutes).

25 36. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before

1 Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which
2 may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and
3 consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem
4 valuable for public information, specifying the names of
5 any consuls or commercial agents who may have been
6 remiss in transmitting commercial information (section 208
7 of the Revised Statutes).

8 37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before
9 Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in
10 the United States from foreign places, returned to him quar-
11 ter yearly by the collectors of customs (section 208 of the
12 Revised Statutes).

13 38. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress,
14 within ten days after the commencement of each regular
15 session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns
16 made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different
17 ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an
18 account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear
19 by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section
20 207 of the Revised Statutes).

21 **REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

22 39. That part of the annual report to the Congress re-
23 quired of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a
24 summary of the state and condition of every national bank

1 from which reports have been received the preceding year,
2 at the several dates to which such reports refer, together
3 with detailed information concerning its resources and liabili-
4 ties; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business
5 has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments
6 to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the
7 resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized
8 under the laws of the several States and Territories; and (5)
9 the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the
10 Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the
11 Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report
12 to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its
13 session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

14 40. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
15 sentatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the
16 Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each
17 year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately
18 (32 Stat. 138).

19 41. Report of officers and administrative departments
20 and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or
21 transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington,
22 and such officers as were found upon final settlements of
23 their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and

1 who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into
2 the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as
3 amended).

4 42. Submission of reports which may be made to the
5 Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the
6 examination of the accounts of the Department of War and
7 the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the
8 application of the money appropriated for those departments
9 for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

10 43. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the
11 Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures
12 in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up
13 and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the
14 accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20
15 Stat. 167).

16 44. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
17 to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above
18 of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents
19 at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts
20 lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

21 45. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of
22 the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the
23 head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the

1 Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and
2 repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (sec-
3 tion 262 of the Revised Statutes).

4 46. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury
5 of administration of the functions with which he is charged
6 under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which
7 report shall include the names and compensation of all per-
8 sons employed under the provisions of that Act (49 Stat.
9 977).

10 47. Report of the number of persons employed, other
11 than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid
12 to each, at each mint and assay office, out of appropriations
13 made for wages of workmen, adjusters, and other employees
14 (33 Stat. 657).

15 48. An abstract, in tabular form, of the separate ac-
16 counts required to be kept of moneys received from internal
17 duties or taxes in each of the respective States, Territories,
18 and collection districts, and of the amount of each species of
19 duty and tax that shall accrue (sections 239 and 261 of
20 the Revised Statutes, as amended).

21 49. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury
22 relative to leases of unoccupied and unproductive property
23 of the United States under his control, for the leasing of
24 which there is no authority under existing law (20 Stat.
25 383).

1 50. Annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency
2 (32 Stat. 138) .

3 REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR

4 51. Report of all inspections made by the inspection
5 department of the Army as to the necessity, economy, and
6 propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers
7 of the Army; also whether the disbursing officers of the
8 Army comply with the law in keeping their accounts and
9 making their deposits (18 Stat. 33) .

10 52. Statement of the cost of all types and experimental
11 manufacture of guns and other articles and the average cost
12 of the several classes of guns and the other articles manu-
13 factured by the Government (26 Stat. 320) .

14 53. Report of the activities and expenditures of the
15 Council of National Defense (39 Stat. 650) .

16 54. Statement of expenditures at the Springfield Armory,
17 Massachusetts, and the Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, and
18 of arms, components of arms, and appendages fabricated,
19 altered, and repaired, during the fiscal year ended June 30
20 (26 Stat. 320) .

21 55. A detailed report of sales of any war supplies,
22 material, lands, factories, or buildings, showing character of
23 articles sold, price received, and purpose for which sold (40
24 Stat. 850) .

25 56. Hereafter the Secretary of War shall, within the

1 limits of appropriations made from time to time by Congress,
2 and in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations ap-
3 proved by him upon the recommendation of the National
4 Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, in connection with
5 the promotion and encouragement of rifle practice, authorize
6 and provide for: Construction work, equipment, maintenance,
7 and operation of rifle ranges; issues of ordnance; sales of
8 arms, procurement of supplies; expenses of the National
9 Board; transportation of certain officials; procurement of
10 badges, prizes, and so forth; and transportation of supplies,
11 and so forth. Full report of all things done hereunder to be
12 made annually to Congress (43 Stat. 510).

13 57. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Com-
14 mittees on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of
15 Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agree-
16 ment (not later than twenty-four hours after made), cover-
17 ing the exchange or other disposition of military equipment,
18 munitions, or supplies (54 Stat. 681).

19 58. Report to the Congress each month of the number
20 of men in active training and service in the land forces under
21 section 3 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of
22 1940 (55 Stat. 628).

23 REPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

24 59. Annual report at the beginning of each regular
25 session of Congress to be made by the Superintendent of

1 Saint Elizabeths Hospital showing in detail the receipts and
2 expenditures for all purposes connected with the hospital for
3 the fiscal year preceding such session (21 Stat. 156; 39
4 Stat. 309).

5 60. Annual report of the affairs of Howard University
6 (45 Stat. 1021).

7 61. Report of all expenditures made by virtue of any
8 appropriations by Congress to the Columbia Institution for
9 the Deaf, including the amounts and rates paid to the super-
10 intendent and for teachers (Sec. 4867 of the Revised
11 Statutes).

12 REPORTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

13 62. Annual report to the Public Printer by the Super-
14 intendent of Documents of all sales made by him (28 Stat.
15 610).

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 1945.

Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE,

Clerk.

By H. NEWLIN MEGILL.

79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2504

[Report No. 519]

AN ACT

To discontinue certain reports now required
by law.

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1945

Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Expenditures in the Executive Departments

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 9), 1945

Reported without amendment

July 29

DIGEST OF
CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS
OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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HIGHLIGHTS: Both Houses agreed to conference report on Cooley farm-credit bill. Senate passed research-marketing bill; agreed to modified version of amendment on State agencies jurisdiction. Senate passed bill to provide for 2 additional Assistant Secretaries of Agriculture. Senate confirmed nominations to Price Decontrol Board. Senate passed bill to authorize site acquisition and design of Federal buildings. Senate passed bill to authorize health program for Government personnel. Senate passed bill to provide basic authority for functions of Bureau of Reclamation. Senate passed bill to proposed Foreign Service Act of 1946. President approved bills: To provide for future peanut quotas at least as large as 1941 (July 26); to extend the Sugar Act until Dec. 31, 1947 (July 27).

SENATE

1. COOLEY FARM-CREDIT BILL. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on this bill, H. R. 5991 (pp. 10518-23, 10537-9). This bill will now be sent to the President.
2. RESEARCH; MARKETING. Passed with amendments H. R. 6932, the Flannagan-Hope bill (pp. 10514-5). Agreed to a modification of the amendment on State-agencies jurisdiction, which reads as follows: "To the maximum extent practicable marketing research work done hereunder in cooperation with the States shall be done in cooperation with the State agricultural experiment stations; marketing, educational, and demonstrational work done hereunder in cooperation with the States shall be done in cooperation with the State agricultural extension service; market information, inspection, regulatory work, and other marketing service done hereunder in cooperation with the State agencies shall be done in cooperation with the State departments of agriculture, and State bureaus and departments." Sen. Russell, Ga., said this amendment has been agreed to by "all the parties in interest, including the House authors." Except for this provision, the bill as passed was in the form as reported.
3. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE. Passed without amendment S. 1923, to provide for 2 additional Assistant Secretaries (p. 10484). A similar bill has been reported by the House committee.

4. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nominations of Roy L. Thompson, Daniel W. Bell, and George H. Mead to the Price Decontrol Board (pp. 10533-4).

Received the nomination of Edwin G. Nourse to the Council of Economic

Advisers (p. 10534).

5. BUILDINGS. Passed as reported S. 2412, to provide for site acquisition and design of Federal buildings (pp. 10488-9). One of the amendments eliminates the provisions giving PBA control over furniture and rugs and Government-building cafeterias.
6. FOREIGN SERVICE. Passed without amendment H. R. 6907, to improve, strengthen, and expand the Foreign Service (pp. 10485-6). This bill will now be sent to the President.
7. RECLAMATION. Passed without amendment H. R. 5654, to provide basic authority for certain functions of the Bureau of Reclamation (pp. 10483-4).
8. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. Passed without amendment S. 2404, to provide for REA refinancing of certain TVA loans to municipalities for rural-electrification projects (p. 10493).
9. HEALTH; PERSONNEL. Passed with amendment H. R. 2716, to provide for health programs for Government employees (pp. 10479-80). Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Downey, Calif., to provide for collaboration with the Public Health Service.
10. REPORTS. Passed without amendment H. R. 2504, to provide for discontinuance of certain reports, including the ones on forest roads and trails, large AAA payments, and condition of work in the departments (p. 10478). This bill will now be sent to the President.
11. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment H. R. 6298, to authorize the exchange of mineral rights reserved on the Vesuvius watershed, Ohio, for surface rights of equal value owned by the U. S. in other lands that do not drain into Vesuvius Lake (p. 10487). This bill will now be sent to the President.
12. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. Passed with amendment H. R. 6097, to amend the wildlife-conservation laws in several respects (pp. 10493-4).
13. PERSONNEL. During debate on another bill, Sen. Downey, Calif., proposed an amendment to lift the \$10,000 ceiling on certain Federal salaries to \$12,500, but after discussion, Sen. Ferguson, Mich., objected to the amendment (pp. 10500-2).
14. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. Passed with amendment H. R. 1497, to permit political activities of Federal employees in connection with municipalities in which they reside (p. 10481).
Discussed and passed over H. R. 1118, to authorize the Civil Service Commission to decide penalties for violation of the Hatch Act (pp. 10481-2).
15. RESEARCH LANDS. The Public Lands and Surveys Committee reported without amendment H.R. 6896, to grant to Miles City, Mont., certain land in Carter County (part of the USDA Livestock Range Experiment Station), for industrial and recreational purposes and as a museum site (S.Rept. 1900) (p. 10474).
16. CLAIMS; INSECT CONTROL. Passed over on objection of Sen. Taft, Ohio, S. 1250, for the relief of certain claimants who suffered losses and sustained damages as the result of the Government campaign for the eradication of the Mediterranean fruitfly in Fla. (pp. 10477-8). Sen. Andrews, Fla., explained the bill and gave a short history of the case (pp. 10477-8).

over a year, and I have been waiting for it to be reached, not desiring to call it up as a special order.

Mr. BARKLEY. All the bills on the calendar back of the number where I asked that the call begin today will be called. I am not sure that we can do that today. I hope we can, but I am not certain of it.

Mr. ANDREWS. Let me state the difficulty about the situation, so far as I am concerned. An identical bill is now on the calendar of the House, and if we wait until tomorrow to call up the Senate bill, it will be too late to have it approved and signed, so I should like to have the bill considered and acted upon today, when we complete the calendar. The bill has been pending on the calendar for nearly 3 years, waiting until the end of the war, and it has the approval of the joint committee which investigated the matter. I do not feel that there should be any real opposition to it.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, I assure the Senator that I shall do the best I can to have the preceding bills called at the earliest possible moment. Of course, if there is objection to my request, it will be necessary to start at the beginning of the calendar and call measures on the calendar many of which have been called and passed over before.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, I think that in 2 years I have taken up less time on the floor than any other Member of the Senate, and I should like to have this bill enacted before I leave the Senate. I am pledged to do it. I should like to have the bill considered, and I know that if the anti-poll-tax bill, or some other fool measure, is brought up, it can be debated until the end of the session, and a number of bills, including mine, which are important will fail.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. President, let me ask the leader—

Mr. BARKLEY. I shall cooperate to the fullest of my ability to see that the senior Senator from Florida has a chance to have his bill considered. Under the rule, the calendar must be called. I requested that the call begin with the beginning of the calendar, but I am now asking that the call begin with Calendar No. 1756.

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. BARKLEY. I yield.

Mr. WHERRY. May we rely on the assurance that if we comply with the request and start on page 9, Calendar No. 1756, before this session is over the calendar will be called once again?

Mr. BARKLEY. Absolutely.

Mr. WHERRY. We can absolutely depend on that?

Mr. BARKLEY. That is my purpose.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. President, before a conclusion is reached on that point, may I offer a suggestion to the leader? I wish to say that I concur very heartily with what my colleague the senior Senator from Florida [Mr. ANDREWS], has said about Calendar No. 494, Senate bill 1250. Why could we not have an understanding that if we begin the call somewhere in the calendar other than at the beginning, when we finish the calendar today we may revert to the first part of the calendar and call the measures from that point?

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, if we have to do that, I think we might as well begin at the beginning now.

Mr. PEPPER. It will not take so very long, I think.

Mr. BARKLEY. It will take no more time to do it that way than to go back, so I withdraw my request and ask that the clerk begin the call with the first bill on the calendar.

INCREASE IN PAY OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES

Mr. MAYBANK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have Calendar No. 1186, Senate bill 1357, to increase the pay of the military and naval forces while on sea duty or duty beyond the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs. A similar House bill was passed some time ago, therefore I ask that this bill be removed from the calendar.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will proceed with the call of the calendar.

RESOLUTION PASSED OVER

The resolution (S. Res. 83) to change the reference of Senate bill 541 to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act, as amended, from the Committee on Interstate Commerce to the Committee on Commerce, was announced as next in order.

Mr. WHITE. Mr. President, I ask that the resolution go over. It involves committee jurisdiction, and the chairman of neither committee involved is in the Chamber at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection being heard, the resolution will be passed over.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 101) to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry, was announced as next in order.

Mr. RUSSELL. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (S. 1125) to increase the compensation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Vice President of the United States, Senators, Representatives in Congress, Delegates from Territories, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and members of the Cabinet was announced as next in order.

Mr. REVERCOMB (and others). Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

The joint resolution (S. J. Res. 83) to authorize the Federal Works Administrator to advance discretionary apportionment funds to be used for the purpose of making plans for the National Memorial Stadium as a postwar project was announced as next in order.

SEVERAL SENATORS. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution will be passed over.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY MEDITERRANEAN FRUITFLY

The bill (S. 1250) for the relief of certain claimants who suffered losses and sustained damages as the result of the campaign carried out by the Federal

Government for the eradication of the Mediterranean fruitfly in the State of Florida was announced as next in order.

Mr. TAFT and other Senators. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, I should like to give an explanation of Senate bill 1250 now, or ask that we return and take it up for consideration after the call of the calendar is concluded. This is too important a bill to be ignored simply by some Senator asking that it go over. We cannot afford to continue to postpone action on the bill. I hope the Senator who objected will withdraw his objection so that the bill may now be considered on its merits.

Mr. President, I wish to say that a great deal of money has been spent to investigate this subject and to obtain the facts. A joint committee of Congress went to Florida and made a study of the situation.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, objection has been made, and the bill will have to go over.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, I should like to have a chance to make an explanation of the bill.

Mr. TAFT. I shall be glad to withdraw my objection for that purpose.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, I wrote a letter to each Member of the Senate more than 10 days regarding this bill, and attached to the letter an explanation of the findings of the joint Senate and House committee which made a detailed investigation of all these claims. I know there are many who think that when something happens in Florida it is not necessary to pay much attention to it. We have been treated in that manner regarding this bill and other matters. As I stated, a detailed investigation was made by the joint committee. The President of the United States had recommended an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of eradicating the citrus fly—the Mediterranean fruitfly. In the meantime an investigation was made by the joint congressional committee. Action was postponed for a time. For a long time we tried to secure a full examination and explanation of the situation. In fact, the Secretary of Agriculture, under a special resolution, appointed five men to make investigations of these losses and to establish the standard of the losses for each kind of fruit and vegetable destroyed.

After that report was made, the Senate and the House passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 40, under which a committee was appointed, among whose members were former Senator Schwartz, of Wyoming, the junior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. WILEY], and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. ELLENDER], who is now absent from the Senate, and for whose return I have been waiting in order to call up the bill for consideration. As I understand, he is still in the Pacific, or, perhaps, in Europe. The committee went to Florida and held hearings on the basis of the specifications set forth in the report made by the Department of Agriculture after it had made its investigation. One hundred and seventeen witnesses were heard by the committee. Hearings were held at

five or six different places in the Citrus Belt. The committee returned and recommended that the claims be paid. The claims were small. The claims for damage to citrus fruits, avocados, and various kinds of vegetables were made on the basis of less than half the amount that would have to be paid for like quantities of fruits and vegetables now.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. ANDREWS. I am glad to yield.

Mr. LUCAS. How many claims were involved in this investigation, and what was the total amount that the committee said the claimants should be paid.

Mr. ANDREWS. There are in all about 7,000 claims. Many of the claimants are old people. Many of them originally came from all the States of Senators present, and they lived in homes established on groves of from 10 to 20 acres. Many thousands of them lost their groves by reasons of this infestation. At the present time I am very doubtful that claims could be established for anywhere near the original amount.

Mr. LUCAS. What was that amount?

Mr. ANDREWS. An appropriation was provided in the amount of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the claims. To indicate to the Senate how very particular we were in respect to verifying the claims, I will show how the investigation was made. This damage occurred during the depression, when vegetables and fruits were not worth much.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The time of the Senator from Florida has expired.

Mr. TAFT. Mr. President, I renew my objection.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On objection, the bill will go over.

The clerk will state the next business on the calendar.

BILLS PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 518) to provide for the issuance of permits for the use of live decoys in the taking of ducks, was announced as next in order.

Mr. WHITE. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (S. 958) to provide for more effective inspection and supervision by the Congress with respect to the administration of the laws of the United States, was announced as next in order.

SEVERAL SENATORS. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law, was announced as next in order.

Mr. LUCAS. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (S. 825) to establish a Research Board for National Security, was announced as next in order.

SEVERAL SENATORS. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, action is being taken so quickly that we cannot follow what is being done. What happened with respect to Calendar 516, Senate bill 958?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill was objected to, and went over.

Mr. HILL. Mr. President, will the Senator from Nebraska withhold objection to Calendar 517, House bill 2504?

Mr. WHERRY. I did not object. Some other Senator did. And Calendar No. 549, Senate bill 825, the next bill on the calendar, was also objected to.

DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN REPORTS NOW REQUIRED BY LAW

Mr. HILL. Mr. President, with reference to House bill 2504, I will say that I have no personal interest in it whatever. The bill passed the House of Representatives during the last Congress, and died on the Senate Calendar. The bill passed the House of Representatives again during the present session of Congress. It has been on the Senate Calendar for a year's time. I realize that when one first looks at the bill one might have questions concerning it. I wish to ask the Senator who objected to the bill to please examine the bill and the report carefully. It is a bill which in my opinion ought to be passed, because unless we pass the bill it will mean that the Government will continue to spend a great deal of money in a very wasteful manner.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, I withdraw my objection.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I should like very much to have a further explanation of the bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alabama [Mr. HILL] is recognized to make an explanation.

Mr. HILL. Mr. President, at the present time there are some 330 statutory provisions requiring the preparation and submission to the Congress by various agencies and departments of the Government of various monthly and annual reports. Usually only one of these provisions applies to one department. The very provision that applies to one department may be contained in some other law which applies to several departments, and the result is that there is a great deal of duplication of work.

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, now that I know the provisions of the bill, I wish to state that I have no objection to it.

Mr. HILL. I thank the Senator from Nebraska.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill (H. R. 2504) to discontinue certain reports now required by law, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) favoring an extension of the air-transportation system in the United States to small cities and towns, was announced as next in order.

Mr. TAFT. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The concurrent resolution will be passed over.

The resolution (S. Res. 172) to investigate certain economic questions in the

Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States resulting from termination of the war, was announced as next in order.

Mr. DOWNEY and Mr. TAFT. Over. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be passed over.

The joint resolution (S. J. Res. 92), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to voting qualification, was announced as next in order.

SEVERAL SENATORS. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution will be passed over.

The bill (H. R. 7), making unlawful the requirement for the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers, was announced as next in order.

Mr. RUSSELL. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO MAKE ARRESTS—BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 386), to amend the law relating to the authority of certain employees of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to make arrests without warrants in certain cases and to search vehicles within certain areas, was announced as next in order.

Mr. REVERCOMB. Over.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, was objection made to House bill 386?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection was made by the Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, the Bureau of Immigration is very desirous of having this bill enacted into law. I do not have the facts before me at the present time, but the failure to have such a law upon the statute books now is rendering practically impossible of enforcement the immigration laws. Under the existing system, if a truck loaded with persons who have evaded the immigration authorities at the border in Mexico, for example, by swimming the river, is traveling through the State of Texas it is impossible under the present conditions to capture such individuals who are slipping into this country. I do not know, Mr. President, of any small bill that is more vital to the enforcement of the immigration laws than is this measure. The members of the Committee on Immigration went into this measure very fully. It was reported unanimously. It applies only to certain areas contiguous to the border of the United States.

Mr. REVERCOMB. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. RUSSELL. I yield.

Mr. REVERCOMB. The purpose of the bill is to permit searches and seizures without warrants. The authority is unlimited, and would permit the search of any plane coming into this country. The Senator knows that I do not wish to do anything that would interfere with the enforcement of the immigration laws. But a bill which gives an officer the blanket right of search without warrant is not a sound bill.



[PUBLIC LAW 615—79TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 770—2D SESSION]

[H. R. 2504]

AN ACT

To discontinue certain reports now required by law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following reports or statements now required by law are hereby discontinued, and all Acts or parts of Acts herein cited as requiring the submission of such reports or statements are hereby repealed to the extent of such requirement:

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE HEAD OF EACH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TO THE PRESIDENT

1. The quarterly report of the head of each executive department or other Government establishment at the seat of government not under an executive department as to the condition of the public business in said department or establishment and whether any branch thereof is in arrears (30 Stat. 316).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2. Report to the Congress on forest roads and trails required of the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first Monday in January of each year, giving a detailed statement of the work done, the status of each project undertaken, the allocation of appropriations, an itemized statement of the expenditures and receipts during the preceding fiscal year, an itemized statement of the travel and other expenses, including a list of employees, their duties, salaries and travel expenses, and his recommendations, if any, for new legislation amending or supplementing existing law (42 Stat. 216; 48 Stat. 995).

3. Annual report to the Congress required of the Secretary of Agriculture of Agricultural Adjustment Administration payments in excess of \$1,000, and showing the names of persons to whom payments were made during the preceding year (52 Stat. 68).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

4. Report showing the names for whom work has been performed, the nature of the services rendered, the price charged for services, and the manner in which the money received was deposited or used (49 Stat. 292).

5. Report of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, showing as nearly as possible the configuration of the coasts and showing in lines the probable limits of the Gulf Stream, and so forth, accompanied by a general chart of the whole coast of the United States (sec. 4690 of the Revised Statutes).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

6. Investigation to determine whether any dams, water works, or other projects have been constructed in Clear Lake watershed, in the State of California, in violation of the water rights of the United States in California, and to render a report thereon (49 Stat. 1975).

7. Examinations and surveys, and to locate and construct irrigation works for storage, diversion, and development of waters, including artesian wells, and to report the results of such examinations and surveys, giving estimates of cost of all contemplated works, the quantity and location of the lands which can be irrigated therefrom, and all facts relative to the practicability of each irrigation project; also, the cost of works in process of construction, as well as those which have been completed (32 Stat. 388).

8. Cost account of all moneys expended on each irrigation project (36 Stat. 270; 38 Stat. 583).

9. Report of expenditures made during the fiscal year for relief of destitution of natives of Alaska (50 Stat. 584).

10. Annual report of the operations of the Geological Survey (20 Stat. 395).

11. Statement showing amount expended from the appropriation "Mineral leasing (year), Geological Survey", for the benefit of Indian tribes and Indian allottees (44 Stat. 487).

12. Report all temporary details to the District of Columbia of field employees of the Bureau made during each fiscal year (50 Stat. 603).

13. Report of all operations under section 5 of the Act of March 2, 1919, including receipts and disbursements (40 Stat. 1272).

14. Detailed information as to projects and expenditures under the "Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund" (50 Stat. 919).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

15. Report giving data relating to special statistical studies made by the Department of Labor for others upon payment of the cost thereof (48 Stat. 583; 53 Stat. 581).

16. The Secretary of Labor shall make a report to Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, giving a detailed statement showing (1) the name of every person for whom work has been performed under authority of this statute, (2) the nature of the services rendered to him, (3) the price charged for these services by the Department of Labor, and (4) the manner in which the moneys received were deposited or used (48 Stat. 582; 50 Stat. 259).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NAVY AND WAR

17. Detailed report of the Navy and War Departments' operations under section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide more effectively for the national defense by increasing the efficiency of the Air Corps of the Army, and for other purposes" (44 Stat. 787).

18. Report required of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War, as the case may be, of exemptions on account of contracts or subcontracts for scientific equipment used for communication, target detection, navigation, and fire control, under the Act of March 27, 1934, as amended, relating to excess profits in connection with the

construction of naval vessels or the procurement of aircraft (48 Stat. 505; 49 Stat. 1926; 53 Stat. 560).

19. That part of the report required of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War with respect to contracts in excess of \$150,000 undertaken during the fiscal year for the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Sixth Supplemental National Defense Act, 1942, or any other Act requiring the names of the persons who approved the specifications, consummated the making, or concluded the negotiations of any such contract on behalf of the Government, and of all persons who participated in the negotiations on behalf of the contractor, and information in cases where such contract was awarded without competitive bidding as to the principal or controlling reason for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat. 686; 56 Stat. 244).

20. Report required by the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War of persons commissioned from civilian life (56 Stat. 369).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

21. Report of disbursing officers relieved of responsibility on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouchers, records, or papers (41 Stat. 132).

22. Report of expenditures in excess of \$450,000 for repairs to any one naval vessel for any eighteen consecutive months (49 Stat. 482).

23. Report of all contracts entered into under authority of section 4 of the Act approved April 25, 1939, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works (53 Stat. 590).

24. Report of vessels whose names have been stricken from the Navy Register (22 Stat. 296).

25. Report of the advance payments made to contractors under authority of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676).

26. Report of contracts entered into without competition under the authority of section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 676, 677).

27. Report of the cost of special additional equipment and facilities to be borne by the Government under each contract negotiated under authority of section 4 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 678).

28. Report of the contracts entered into under authority of section 8 (b) of the Act of June 28, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 680).

29. Submission to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives of copies of each contract, order, or agreement covering the exchange or other disposition of surplus naval equipment (54 Stat. 681).

30. List of all contracts in excess of \$10,000 in value, including contracts for the purchase of land, together with a summary of the subject matter of such contracts, the names of the contractors and of the persons who negotiated any such contract either on behalf of the Government or of the contractor, and, if any such contract was awarded without competitive bidding, a statement of the reasons for the selection of the contractor (55 Stat. 686).

31. Report every three months of the contracts entered into under authority, title III, priorities powers, section 2 of the Act of March 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 178).

32. Report every three months of the contracts entered into under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of December 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053).

33. Report of designs, aircraft, aircraft parts, and aeronautical accessories purchased by the Navy Department (44 Stat. 787).

REPORTS UNDER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

34. The report covering data setting forth special contracts with railroad companies (39 Stat. 427).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

35. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a statement, in a compendious form, of all such changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the Department, including all commercial information contained in the official publications of other governments which he shall deem sufficiently important (section 208 of the Revised Statutes).

36. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a synopsis of so much of the information which may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem valuable for public information, specifying the names of any consuls or commercial agents who may have been remiss in transmitting commercial information (section 208 of the Revised Statutes).

37. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress a statement of the lists of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign places, returned to him quarter yearly by the collectors of customs (section 208 of the Revised Statutes).

38. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress, within ten days after the commencement of each regular session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear by the protests of the masters to have taken place (section 207 of the Revised Statutes).

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

39. That part of the annual report to the Congress required of the Comptroller of the Currency to exhibit (1) a summary of the state and condition of every national bank from which reports have been received the preceding year, at the several dates to which such reports refer, together with detailed information concerning its resources and liabilities; (2) a statement of the national banks whose business has been closed during the year; (3) proposed amendments to the banking laws; (4) information concerning the resources, liabilities, and condition of the banks organized under the laws of the several

States and Territories; and (5) the names and compensation of the clerks employed in the Comptroller's Office and the amount of the expenses of the Bureau; also the requirement that the Comptroller's report to Congress shall be made "at the commencement of its session" (section 333 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

40. Statement to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, required to be included in the Comptroller of the Currency's annual report, of expenses incurred during each year, in liquidation of each failed national bank separately (32 Stat. 138).

41. Report of officers and administrative departments and offices of the Government delinquent in rendering or transmitting accounts to the proper offices in Washington, and such officers as were found upon final settlements of their accounts to have been indebted to the Government and who have failed to pay the amount of such indebtedness into the Treasury of the United States (28 Stat. 209, as amended).

42. Submission of reports which may be made to the Secretary of the Treasury by the officers charged with the examination of the accounts of the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, respectively, showing the application of the money appropriated for those departments for the preceding year (section 260 of the Revised Statutes).

43. Tabular statement required of the Secretary of the Treasury showing in detail the receipts and expenditures in the naval service under each appropriation, as made up and determined by the General Accounting Office, upon the accounts of disbursing officers rendered for settlement (20 Stat. 167).

44. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury to be appended to the tabular statement mentioned above of accounts and balances in the hands of disbursing agents at the close of each fiscal year, and a report of any amounts lost or unaccounted for by voucher (20 Stat. 167).

45. Transmission of accounts kept by certain officials of the Treasury Department of amounts expended under the head of contingent expenses for the several bureaus of the Department, and of all amounts paid for furniture and repairs of furniture and of the disposal of old furniture (section 262 of the Revised Statutes).

46. Report required by the Secretary of the Treasury of administration of the functions with which he is charged under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, which report shall include the names and compensation of all persons employed under the provisions of that Act (49 Stat. 977).

47. Report of the number of persons employed, other than workmen and adjusters, and the compensation paid to each, at each mint and assay office, out of appropriations made for wages of workmen, adjusters, and other employees (33 Stat. 657).

48. An abstract, in tabular form, of the separate accounts required to be kept of moneys received from internal duties or taxes in each of the respective States, Territories, and collection districts, and of the amount of each species of duty and tax that shall accrue (sections 239 and 261 of the Revised Statutes, as amended).

49. Report required of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to leases of unoccupied and unproductive property of the United States

